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Ashton.....	100 09	Hecla.....	100 00
Bath.....	70 00	Leola.....	100 00
Bangor.....	140 00	Langford.....	115 00
Bowdle.....	100 00	Mound City.....	100 00
Britton.....	100 00	Northville.....	100 00
Claremont.....	100 00	Warner.....	100 00
Conde.....		District.....	400 00
DeVoe.....	100 00		
Doland.....	100 00		
Frederick.....	100 00	Total.....	\$2,065 00

HURON DISTRICT.

District.....	\$ 380 00	Iroquois.....	\$ 110 00
Alpena.....	95 00	Miller.....	140 00
Blunt.....	70 00	Oneida.....	75 00
Burdette.....	80 00	Pierre.....	150 00
Cavour.....	75 00	Redfield.....	100 00
DeSmet.....	140 00	Wessington.....	90 00
Faulkton.....	100 00	Wes. Wessington.....	85 00
Forest City.....	80 00	Winthrop.....	90 00
Gettysburg.....	110 00	Wolsey.....	68 00
Highmore.....	105 00		
Hitchcock.....	65 00	Total.....	\$2,208 00

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Alexandria.....	\$ 100 00	Mt. Vernon.....	\$ 100 00
Armour and Delmont.....	100 00	Parkston.....	100 00
Artesian.....	100 00	Tripp.....	100 00
Carthage.....	100 00	Plankinton.....	100 00
Castalia and La Roche.....	72 00	Scotlaud.....	100 00
Chamberlain.....	100 00	White Lake.....	100 00
Fulton.....	100 00	Woonsocket.....	120 00
Gann Valley.....	40 00	District.....	400 00
Howard.....	100 00		
Kimball.....	100 00	Total.....	\$2,132 00
Letcher.....	100 00		

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

Alcester.....	\$ 70 00	Lennox.....	\$ 40 00
Beresford.....	50 00	Montrose.....	100 00
Lodi.....	50 00	Jordan.....	175 00
Dell Rapids.....	60 00	Wakonda.....	70 00
Egan.....	70 00	Yankton.....	110 00
Elk Point.....	60 00	Coleman.....	50 00
Valley Springs.....	74 00	District.....	200 00
Hartford.....	100 00		
Hudson.....	50 00	Total.....	\$1,395 00
Hurley.....	66 00		

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Big Stone City.....	\$ 60 00	Sisseton.....	\$ 100 00
Bradley.....	75 00	Sunmit.....	65 00
Bristol.....	50 00	Twin Brooks.....	70 00
Castlewood.....	50 00	Waubay.....	70 00
Clark.....	120 00	Webster.....	75 00
Clear Lake.....	75 00	White Rock.....	75 00
Elkton.....	50 00	Willow Lake.....	100 00
Gary.....	50 00	Wilmot.....	75 00
Hazel.....	100 00	District.....	355 00
Henry.....	50 00		
Kampeska.....	50 00	Total.....	\$1,800 00
Lake Preston.....	85 00		

I approve the above appropriations,

C. C. McCABE, Bishop.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

NAME	BORN		Admitted into full connection.		Entered Dak Conference.	Relation.	ADDRESS
	Where	Yr	Conference	Yr.			
Akers, J. S.....	Illinois.....	1837	NW Wisconsin.	1865	1889	Eff've	De Smet
Allison, J. D.....	Scotland.....	1858	South Dakota...	1891	1891	Sup'y	White
Baker, Frank.....	Illinois.....	1870	South Dakota...	1894	1892	Eff've	Iroquois
Beavis, R. B.....	Ontario.....	1861	Brit Columbia...	1894	1896	Eff've	Alcester
Boggs, A. R.....	Ohio.....	1835	Michigan.....	1870	C'r	Sup't	Mitchell
Bromaghim, F. L....	New York.....	1858	South Dakota...	1895	1891	Eff've	Warner
Brown, G. D.....	New York.....	1871	Dakota.....	1897	1897	Eff've	Faulton
Brown, S. F.....	Pennsylvania...	1825	Wyoming.....	1866	C'r	Sup't	Bangor
Burdick, F. A.....	Ontario.....	1852	N W Iowa.....	1879	C'r	Sup't	Lincoln, Neb
Calfee, W. J.....	Iowa.....	1863	Nebraska.....	1896	1898	Eff've	Huron
Carhart, A. E.....	New York.....	1846	South Dakota...	1892	1892	Eff've	Mitchell
Chamberlain, D. W..	.....	.....	N W Iowa.....	.....	.....	Sup't	Scotland
Chappell, E. S.....	Ohio.....	1854	South Dakota...	1892	1892	Eff've	Chicago, Ill
Cleworth, W. C.....	Canada.....	.....	South Dakota...	1895	1892	Eff've	Gayville
Cleworth, G. D.....	Canada.....	1865	South Dakota...	1887	1887	Eff've	Chicago
Colvin, W. H.....	.....	.....	South Dakota...	1893	1893	Eff've	Chicago
Coon, H. S.....	Ohio.....	1852	Dakota.....	1897	1897	Eff've	Mt Vernon
Corwin, G. J.....	New York.....	1842	South Dakota...	1886	1886	Eff've	Fulton
Corv. W. H.....	Wisconsin.....	1850	South Dakota...	1891	1891	Eff've	Britton
Curl, H. T.....	Indiana.....	1840	Des Moines.....	1867	C'r	Sup't	Oakland, Cal
Dean, E. E.....	New York.....	1854	Dakota.....	1896	1896	Eff've	DeVoe
Deeble, W. D.....	England.....	1858	South Dakota...	1888	1888	Eff've	Bath
Dibble, J. B.....	Wisconsin.....	1860	South Dakota...	1890	1890	Eff've	Arlington
Dexter, A. D.....	Nova Scotia...	1840	Maine.....	1868	1889	Eff've	Clark
*Dobson, J. O.....	England.....	1848	Upper Iowa.....	1883	1892	Eff've	Sioux Falls
Emmott, Amos.....	England.....	1863	Dakota.....	1898	1898	Eff've	Doland
Graham, W. I.....	Ohio.....	1844	Iowa.....	1878	1897	Eff've	Mitchell
Gram, W. O.....	Canada.....	1862	South Dakota...	1893	1893	Eff've	Montrose
Greene, W. A.....	New York.....	1853	Dakota.....	1897	1897	Sup'y	Springfield, Mo
*Hager, C. E.....	New York.....	1852	Upper Iowa.....	1878	C'r	Eff've	Mitchell
Hall, E. P.....	New York.....	1856	North Dakota...	.....	1896	Eff've	Watertown
Harkness, J. S.....	Scotland.....	1867	Wesleyan.....	1894	1894	Eff've	Webster
Hartsough, Lewis...	New York.....	1828	Oneida.....	1853	C'r	Sup't	Mt Vernon, Ia
Hopkins, G. F.....	Illinois.....	1862	Brit Columbia...	1888	1893	Eff've	Flandreau
Houlgate, J. E.....	Eng and.....	1865	Nebraska.....	1896	1898	Eff've	Pierre
Irwin, W. H.....	Ontario.....	1862	South Dakota...	1888	1888	Eff've	Plankinton
Jamieson, A.....	Ontario.....	1837	N W Iowa.....	1872	C'r	Eff've	Hartford
Janes, A. P.....	New York.....	1867	South Dakota...	1890	1890	Eff've	Tyndall
Jenkins, J. P.....	Mass.....	1860	South Dakota...	1887	1887	Eff've	Vermillion
Jolly, A. J.....	England.....	1866	Bulgaria.....	1893	1894	Eff've	Parkston
Jordan, W. H.....	Mass.....	1857	South Dakota...	1887	1887	Eff've	Sioux Falls
Kaye, John.....	England.....	1860	Dakota.....	1897	1897	Eff've	Egan
Knight, H. F.....	Wisconsin.....	1850	Wisconsin.....	1883	1891	Eff've	Bradley
Lewtas, John.....	England.....	1870	South Dakota...	1893	1893	Eff've	Dell Rapids
MacDuffee, F. C....	New Hamp.....	1865	South Dakota...	1894	1894	Eff've	Scotland
MacLean, Lachlin..	Nova Scotia...	1847	Central Ill.....	1883	1895	Eff've	Yankton
McLean, D. C.....	Ontario.....	1867	South Dakota...	1890	1890	Eff've	Centerville
Matteson, C. E.....	Michigan.....	1860	South Dakota...	1892	1890	Eff've	Canton
Meinzer, W. L.....	Illinois.....	1868	Dakota.....	1897	1897	Eff've	Howard
Miny, W. F.....	England.....	1844	Rock River.....	1877	C'r	Eff've	Woonsocket
Nicholls, F. T.....	England.....	1858	South Dakota...	1889	1889	Eff've	Parker
Nickerson, M. E....	Illinois.....	1856	N W Iowa.....	1885	C'r	Eff've	Armour
Norton, F. J.....	New York.....	.....	Upper Iowa.....	.....	1895	Eff've	Alexandria
Norvell, J. E.....	Iowa.....	1859	N W Iowa.....	1885	C'r	Eff've	Miller
Notson, G. T.....	Iowa.....	1865	Des Moines.....	1892	1894	Eff've	Elk Point
Parker, G. H.....	Canada.....	1868	South Dakota...	1895	1895	Eff've	Cavour
Potter, I. P.....	Iowa.....	1858	Dakota.....	1897	1878	Eff've	Tripp
Phillips, O. A.....	Vermont.....	1840	Unit. Breth.....	1863	C'r	Eff've	Beresford
Redburn, W. B.....	Illinois.....	1856	Missouri.....	1889	1897	Eff've	Redfield
Redfield, W. O.....	Pennsylvania...	1854	South Dakota...	1890	1890	Eff've	Wakonda
*Rifenbark, Ø.....	New York.....	1849	N W Iowa.....	1885	C'r	Eff've	Watertown
Sanderson, Thos....	Ontario.....	1864	Dakota.....	1896	1896	Eff've	Groton
Shenherd, W. S.....	Minnesota....	1869	Dakota.....	1898	1898	Eff've	Salem

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Sills, B C.....	Canada.....	1860	South Dakota...	1893	1893	Eff've	Big Stone City
*Simmons, Thos.....	Ohio.....	1849	Upper Iowa.....	1875	C'r	Eff've	Huron
Springer, H M.....	Illinois.....	1842	W Wisconsin....	1864	C'r	Eff've	Hazel
*Sproul, O H.....	Canada.....	1846	Upper Iowa.....	1873	C'r	Eff've	Aberdeen
Stavely, R M.....	England.....	1859	South Dakota...	1894	1894	Sup'y	
Starkey, J B.....	New York.....	1842	N W Iowa.....	1874	1898	Eff've	Sioux Falls
Stevens, A C.....	Vermont.....	1870	South Dakota...	1894	1892	Eff've	Mitchell
Stewart, W B.....	Scotland.....	1854	South Dakota...	1893	1893	Eff've	Sioux Falls
Swickard, N A.....	Ohio.....	1860	Kansas.....	1891	1896	Eff've	Aberdeen
Tanner, A E.....	New York.....	1838	Genesee.....	1883	1885	Eff've	Lennox
Thurston, A W.....	Illinois.....	1868	Dakota.....	1897	1897	Eff've	Highmore
Underwood, Wm.....	Ohio.....	1832	Rock River.....	1853	1887	Sup't	White Lake
Walker, T H.....	Ontario.....	1836	Can. Wesleyan..	1864	C'r	Sup't	Heber, Ark
Washburn, S.....	New York.....	1830	Rock River.....	1863	1887	Sup't	Chicago, Ill
Wilkinson, Thos....	England.....	1838	Prim Meth.....	1871	1891	Sup't	Mt Vernon, Ia
Watson, S J.....	Connecticut...	1864	Dakota.....	1897	1897	Eff've	White
Williams, O.....	Pennsylvania..	1837	Des Moines.....	1860	1892	Eff've	Milbank
Youngman, T H.....	England.....	1837	Oneida.....	1867	1891	Eff've	Brookings

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NAME	BORN		ADMITTED		CLASS	ADDRESS
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Fox, Frank.....	England.....	1866	Dakota.....	1898	1st year....	Mound City
Greene, T E.....	Indiana.....	1868	Dakota.....	1898	1st year....	Ashton
Jordan, P A.....	.....	.....	Dakota.....	1896	1st year....	
Sevy, Isaac B.....	.....	.....	Dakota.....	1896	1st year....	Chicago
Watson, J E.....	Ohio.....	1871	Dakota.....	1898	1st year....	Conde
Chappell, S A.....	Iowa.....	1873	Dakota.....	1897	2nd year....	Wes'ngt'n Spgs
Giffin, Geo C.....	Ohio.....	1867	Dakota.....	1897	2nd year....	Northville
Hitch, Harvey F....	Indiana.....	1867	Dakota.....	1896	2nd year....	Canistota
Lane, Louis.....	Iowa.....	1865	Dakota.....	1896	2nd year....	Sisseton
McBride, H P.....	Wisconsin....	1874	Kansas.....	1897	2nd year....	Castlewood
MacFarlane, Arthur.	Mass.....	1863	Dakota.....	1897	2nd year....	Blunt
Walker, Chas O.....	Iowa.....	1871	Dakota.....	1893	3d year....	Henry

APPOINTMENTS.

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| 1 O. H. SPROUL, Presiding Elder, Postoffice, Aberdeen, South Dakota. | 1 Doland, Amos Emmott. |
| 3 Aberdeen, N. A. Swickard. | 1 Frederick, to be supplied by L. |
| Andover, to be supplied. | A. McCulloch. |
| 1 Ashton, Thomas E. Green. | 1 Groton, Thomas Sanderson. |
| 1 Bangor, to be supplied by P. S. Ingersoll. | Hecla, to be supplied. |
| 3 Bath, W. D. Deeble. | 2 Langford, to be supplied by W. |
| Bowdle, to be supplied. | J. Aplin. |
| 1 Britton, W. H. Cory. | Leola, to be supplied. |
| 1 Claremont, to be supplied by W. R. Cook. | 2 Mound City, Frank Fox. |
| 1 Conde, Joseph E. Watson. | 1 Northville, George C. Giffin. |
| 1 DeVoe, Edward E. Dean. | 3 Warner, F. L. Bromaghim. |

HURON DISTRICT.

6 THOMAS SIMMONS, Presiding Elder, Postoffice, Huron, South Dakota.

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| Alpena, to be supplied. | 2 Iroquois, Frank Baker. |
| 2 Blunt, Arthur McFarlane. | 1 Miller, J. E. Norvell. |
| 2 Burdette, to be supplied by W. H. Hartung. | 1 Oneida, to be supplied by J. E. Long. |
| 1 Cavour, G. H. Parker. | 1 Pierre, First church, J. E. Houlgate. |
| 1 DeSmet, J. S. Akers. | 2 Redfield, W. B. Redburn. |
| 3 Faulkton, Gilbert D. Brown. | 1 Wessington, to be supplied by L. V. Slocum. |
| 1 Forest City, to be supplied by J. W. Willits. | 2 Wessington Springs, S. A. Chappell. |
| 1 Gettysburg, to be supplied by S. F. McGuire. | 1 Winthrop, to be supplied by C. B. Touner. |
| 2 Highmore, A. W. Thurston. | Wolsey, to be supplied. |
| 1 Hitchcock, to be supplied by D. Barker. | |
| 1 Huron, W. J. Calfee, | |

E. S Chappell, Agent Childrens Home Society, Chicago, Member of Huron Quarterly Conference.

Isaac B. Sevy left without appointment to attend one of our schools. Member of Huron Quarterly Conference.

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

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| 1 C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder, Postoffice, Mitchell, South Dakota. | |
| 1 Alexandria, F. J. Norton. | 1 Kimball and Pukwana, to be supplied by N. P. Johnson. |
| 1 Armour and Delmont, M. E. Nickerson. | 1 Letcher to be supplied by R. N. Kratz. |
| Artesian, to be supplied. | |
| 1 Canistota, H. F. Hitch. | 3 Mitchell, A. C. Stevens. |
| 2 Castalia and LaRoche, to be supplied by Edwin Underwood. | 1 Mount Vernon, H. S. Coon. |
| 1 Carthage and Roswell, to be supplied by Frederick E. Brown. | 1 Parkston and Ethan, A. J. Jolly. |
| 1 Chamberlain, to be supplied by James T. Gurney. | 1 Plankinton, W. H. Irwin. |
| 1 Edgerton, to be supplied by T. J. Davis. | 1 Salem, W. S. Shepherd. |
| 2 Fulton, G. J. Corwin. | 1 Scotland, F. C. MacDuffee. |
| 1 Gan Valley, to be supplied by William Underwood. | 1 Tripp, Olivet and Meno, I. P. Potter. |
| 2 Howard, W. L. Meinzer. | 3 Tyndall and Springfield, A. P. Janes. |
| W. I. Graham, President of Dakota University, Member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference. | 1 White Lake, to be supplied by J. C. Baker. |
| A. E. Carhart, agent for promotion of Temperance League, Member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference. | 1 Woonsocket, W. F. Minty. |

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

- 4 J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder, Postoffice, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
 1 Alcester, R. B. Beavis. 2 Hurley, to be supplied by L. W. Darling.
 1 Beresford, O. A. Phillips.
 3 Canton, C. E. Matteson. 2 Lennox, A. E. Tanner.
 2 Centerville, Donald C. McLean. 1 Lodi Circuit, to be supplied by Frank Brokaw.
 1 Coleman, to be supplied by Sidney H. Shurtleff.
 2 Madison, A. C. Shepherd.
 1 Dell Rapids, John Lewtas. 2 Montrose, W. O. Gram.
 1 Egan, John Kaye. 1 Parker, F. T. Nicholls.
 2 Elk Point, G. T. Notson. 4 Sioux Falls, First church, W. H. Jordan. Associate, J. B. Starkey.
 3 Flandreau, G. F. Hopkins. 2 Sioux Falls, Jordan, W. B. Stewart.
 2 Flandreau Circuit, to be supplied by D. C. Arms.
 1 Valley Springs, to be supplied by Thomas Morris.
 2 Gayville, W. C. Cleworth. 2 Vermillion, J. P. Jenkins.
 1 Hartford, Archibald Jamieson. 3 Wakonda, W. O. Redfield.
 1 Hudson, to be supplied by H. P. Eberhart. 1 Yankton, Lachlin McLean.
- G. D. Cleworth and Peter A. Jordan left without appointments to attend some of our schools. Members of First Church, Vermillion Quarterly Conference.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

- 1 DUANE RIFENBARK, Presiding Elder, Postoffice, Watertown, S. D.
 4 Arlington, J. B. Dibble. 1 Lake Preston, to be supplied by A. Wilford.
 2 Big Stone City, B. C. Sills. 4 Millbank, O. Williams.
 1 Bradley, H. F. Knight. 1 Sisseton, Louis L. Lane.
 1 Bristol, to be supplied by A. J. Lidstone. 1 Summit, to be supplied by E. S. Bosselly.
 5 Brookings, T. H. Youngman. 1 Twin Brooks and Albans, to be supplied by J. F. Bradley.
 1 Castlewood and Bruce, H. P. McBride. 4 Watertown, E. P. Hall.
 3 Clark, A. D. Dexter. 1 Waubay, to be supplied by C. R. Anderson.
 1 Clear Lake, to be supplied by G. F. Jewell. 1 Webster, J. S. Harkness.
 1 Elkton, to be supplied by S. M. Davis. 2 White, Samuel J. Watson.
 1 Garden City, to be supplied by George F. Beiber. 1 White Rock, to be supplied by W. C. Ehlers.
 1 Gary, to be supplied by G. E. Webster. 1 Willow Lakes, to be supplied by L. W. Putnam.
 1 Hazel H. M. Springer. 1 Wilmot and Corona, to be supplied by A. S. Mason.
 1 Henry, Charles O. Walker.
 1 Kampeska, to be supplied by P. G. Shepersky.
- J. G. Hall, Missionary to New Mexico Mission.
 W. H. Colvin left without appointment to attend some one of our schools. Member of Watertown Quarterly Conference.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, October 19, 1898.

The Fourteenth Annual Session of the Dakota Conference met in the Methodist Episcopal church, at Parker, South Dakota, at 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop Charles C. McCabe, presiding.

A half hour devotional service, beginning at 8:30 was led by C. E. Hager.

Opening—After singing from the Methodist Hymnal, Bishop McCabe read the 53d chapter of Isaiah, after which, assisted by the presiding elders, he administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Roll Call—J. P. Jenkins, as Secretary of the last conference, called the roll and the following forty-five made response.

Akers, Baker, Bromaghim, S. H. Browne, G. D. Brown, Coon, Dean, Deeble, Dibble, Dobson, Gram, Hager, Hall, Harkness, Hopkins, Irwin, Jamieson, Janes, Jenkins, Jolly, Jordan, Kaye, Meinzer, Minty, Nicholls, Norvell, Notson, Parker, Potter, Phillips, Redburn, Redfield, Rifenbark, Swickard, Simmons, Springer, Sproul, Stevens, Sanderson, Tanner, Thurston, Underwood, Watson, Williams, Youngman, also

Eight Probationers—Giffin, McFarlane, Chappell, A. C. Shepherd, Wm. S. Shepherd, Amos Emmott, H. F. Hitch, C. O. Walker.

Organization—J. P. Jenkins was re-elected Secretary, with G. T. Notson, and W. S. Shepherd as assistants.

D. Rifenbark was re-elected Treasurer, with O. H. Sproul and A. C. Shepherd, assistants.

A. P. Janes was re-elected Statistical Secretary and he named the following assistants who were elected. W. D. Deeble, H. S. Coon, A. J. Jolly, F. T. Nicholls, J. S. Harkness.

Hours of Meeting—Business sessions of the Conference were fixed at from 9 to 12 A. M. to be preceded by a half hours devotional service.

Postmaster—Frank Baker was re-elected Postmaster.

Standing Committees—The following changes were made in the Standing Committees.

Education: W. I. Graham.

Woman's Foreign Missionary: John Kaye.

Conference Relations: O. H. Sproul.

Auditing Committee: J. S. Harkness.

Board of Examiners—W. I. Graham was confirmed as a member of the Board of Examiners in place of C. B. Clark.

Board of Conference Claimants—W. B. Redburn was elected to fill vacancy made by transfer of C. B. Clark.

W. D. Deeble, D. Rifenbark and O. H. Sproul were elected for three years, on Board of Conference Claimants.

Preachers Aid Society—On motion of H. M. Springer, a committee to incorporate a Preacher's Aid Society, was ordered, and the following were elected: W. D. Deeble, W. B. Redburn, A. C. Stevens, G. T. Notson, J. B. Dibble.

Dr. Curts—Dr. Curts of Cincinnati was introduced and represented the interests of the book concern.

Dividends—Dividends from book concern for \$417, and from the chartered fund for \$22 were announced, and drafts for the same were ordered.

Gospel in All Lands—E. E. Dean was appointed Collector for Gospel in All Lands.

Order of the Day—The Rock River Conference Proposition concerning Equal Lay Representation was made the order of the day for Saturday, 10 A. M.

Missionary Debt—In harmony with a communication from the Missionary Secretaries, it was voted to enter collection for Missionary Debt in a separate column in statistical tables followed by aggregate of Missionary Collection.

Asbury Hospital—Mrs. Ida L. McCoy, Financial Agent of Asbury Hospital and Rebecca Deconess Home, of Minneapolis, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interests of that institution.

Question Thirteen—Question Thirteen was called and the character of J. S. Akers, Presiding Elder of Aberdeen District was passed and he submitted his report.

On motion, the time was extended. It was voted that each pastor report his collections for Missions, Conference Claimants, Church Extension, University, and that he report also whether or not all collections have been taken.

N. A. Swickard, W. D. Deeble, W. F. Minty and F. C. McDuffee were passed in character and excepting the last named, reported their collections.

Afternoon Session—It was voted, that when Conference adjourn, it be to meet at 2 P. M.

Conference Relations—Voted that all candidates for admission on trial, by credentials, and on certificate of location, and also those to be received into full connection, be required to appear before the committee on Conference Relations.

The Supernumeraries and Superannuates were also referred to this committee.

Book Concern—J. O. Dobson offered a resolution commending the work of the Book Concern, which was referred to the committee on church literature.

Adjournment—The list of committees was called, announcements made, and after singing the Doxology, J. S. Akers pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening—At 2 o'clock the Bishop took the chair, and after singing, he led the Conference in prayer.

Journal—The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Statistics—The list of charges was called by the Bishop, in response to which many of the brethren handed in their statistics and money.

Question Thirteen—was resumed.

Thos. Simmons, Presiding Elder, was passed in character, and reported his district.

The characters of W. H. Cory, Frank Baker, G. H. Parker, E. S. Chappell, O. H. Sproul, and W. B. Redburn, were passed, and the last two named, reported their collections.

The transfer of C. B. Clark to the Black Hills Conference was announced.

The character of A. R. Boggs was passed and at his request, he was granted a superannuated relation. On motion his case was referred to the Board of Stewards.

The character of C. E. Hager, Presiding Elder, was passed and he reported for Mitchell District.

John Lewtas, A. C. Stevens, A. J. Jolly, W. H. Irwin, M. E. Nickerson, A. P. Janes, Wm. Underwood, Lachlin McLean, G. J. Corwin, and A. E. Carhart were passed in character, and excepting the last two, reported their collections.

J. O. Dobson was passed in character, and made his report of Sioux Falls District.

The following were passed in character and reported: O. A. Phillips, G. T. Notson, G. H. Hopkins, A. Jamieson, A. E. Tanner, D. Rifenbark, W. H. Jordan, J. P. Jenkins, R. B. Beavis, C. E. Matteson, F. J. Norton, W. B. Stewart, W. O. Redfield, F. T. Nicholls, G. D. Cleworth and J. E. Norvell.

H. M. Springer, Presiding Elder, was passed in character and reported the Watertown District.

J. B. Dibble, B. C. Sills, J. S. Harkness, T. H. Youngman, O. Williams, E. P. Hall, A. D. Dexter, F. A. Burdick and J. G. Hall, were passed in character, and excepting the last three named, reported their collections.

Withdrawn—The withdrawal of Alfred Fowler from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to unite with the Presbyterian Church was announced.

Seat of Conference—By unanimous vote the invitation from the Church at Huron to entertain the next Conference was accepted.

Adjournment—After announcing the meeting of various committees, on motion, the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, October 20, 1898.

Devotional exercises were led at 8:30 by W. J. Calfee.

Opening—At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair. After singing, the minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Roll—The Roll of absentees was called and the following twelve members responded:

Allison, Carhart, Cory, Graham, Greene, Lewtas, McDuffee, L. McLean, D. C. McLean, Matteson, Nickerson, Sills.

Introductions—W. J. Calfee and J. F. Kemper of Nebraska Conference, J. E. Houlgate of Northern Minnesota Conference, and Joel A. Smith of Northwest Iowa Conference, were introduced.

Fraternal Letter—The following letter was read by the Secretary, and on motion of T. H. Youngman, was ordered published in the minutes.

SEATTLE, October 4, 1898.

To the South Dakota Conference in Annual Session assembled at Parker, South Dakota, Bishop C. C. McCabe presiding.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

At the Annual Session of the Northwest Iowa Conference, held in Sioux City Iowa, in the year 1879, Bishop Harris made a Dakota District,

which included all the territory now in your Conference and three pastoral charges in Iowa.

He appointed Wilmot Whitfield Presiding Elder. In the Spring of 1880, Chaplain C. C. McCabe joined the Presiding Elder and they made a tour of the district, visiting Elk Point, Vermillion, Yankton, Bon Homme, Springfield, Tyndall, Scotland, Parker, Lennox, Canton, Sioux Falls, Dell Rapids, Flandreau, Brookings, Huron and Watertown.

At each of these places they raised money to pay off debts or to start new church enterprises.

Before the organizing of the Dakota District there were only nine pastoral charges within the territory and at the end of the four years during which Wilmot Whitfield was Presiding Elder, there were organized four districts including in all 92 pastoral charges, with many churches and parsonages.

At the Conference of 1882 held in Parker, W. H. Selleck, a young man fresh from college was admitted as one of the workers and appointed to Alexandria and at the Conference of 1883, F. A. LaViolette was added to the ministerial ranks.

Wilmot Whitfield is now Presiding Elder of Seattle District, Puget Sound Conference, and W. H. Selleck and F. A. LaViolette are pastors in Seattle and they from their western homes and fields of labor send greeting and love to you who carry forward so grandly the work which they had some humble part in beginning, and they sincerely pray and trust that your victories may be many and that we shall all clasp hands in the ever-green-land and sing together, "Palms of Victory, Crowns of Glory."

We send this from Seattle, Washington by our esteemed and greatly beloved Bishop, C. C. McCabe.

Yours in Christ the Lord,

WILMOT WHITFIELD,
W. H. SELLECK,
F. A. LAVIOLETTE.

W. H. Jordan moved that the Secretary be instructed to return the greetings of the Conference to the brethren.

Transfers—The Bishop announced the transfer of W. J. Calfee from the Nebraska Conference, and Joseph E. Houlgate from Northern Minnesota Conference.

Epworth League—Voted that a committee of five be appointed on the Epworth League.

Episcopal Fund—A communication from the Treasurers of the Episcopal Fund was read, and Dr. Curts spoke concerning the deficiency, and by motion the apportionment was referred to the Presiding Elders for distribution to the districts.

T. J. Davis—The application of T. J. Davis for re-admission, on certificate of location, was referred to committee on Conference Relations.

General Conference Expenses—A communication was read from the Book Committee, concerning General Conference Expenses, and referred to the Cabinet for apportionments.

Methodist Review—John Lewtas was appointed to solicit subscribers for the Methodist Review.

Topical Bible—J. F. Kemper addressed the Conference with reference to the Topical Bible, issued by the Nebraska Wesleyan University.

C. H. Botkin—The Bishop announced as a select number in the case of C. H. Botkin, the following: M. E. Nickerson, O. A. Phillips, B. C. Sills, L. McLean, W. B. Redburn, W. D. Deeble, F. T. Nicholls, J. E. Norvell, F. C. McDuffee, W. H. Cory, A. E. Carhart, J. B. Dibble, and W. H. Irwin, with Oliver Williams as chairman.

A. Jamieson was appointed Counsel for the Church, and Wm. Underwood Counsel for the Defendant.

All the papers in the case were passed by the Bishop, to the Chairman.

The Counsel for Defence announced his willingness to accept the committee named without challenge.

Visitor—Mrs. F. L. Parker, of Helsingfors, Finland, was introduced, and spoke of Methodism in Finland, and on behalf of a church enterprise in her home city.

By a rising vote the Conference requested the Bishop to give his lecture "The Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison," on Friday evening, the proceeds to be given to the above enterprise.

Question Ten—The tenth question was called and Frank L. Bromaghin and Donald C. McLean passed in character, reported, were represented by the Board of Examiners, and elected to Elder's orders.

Silvester H. Brown, Thos. Sanderson, Wm. O. Gram and Wm. H. Colvin were passed in character and were continued in the studies of the fourth year, with the exception of the last named. All reported their collections.

Silvester H. Brown was granted a supernumerary relation.

Wm. H. Colvin was left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Withdrawal—The withdrawal of Herbert Haynes, to unite with the Congregational Church was announced.

The Bishop announced that W. J. Calfee had passed in studies of the fourth year and was elected to Elder's orders in the Nebraska Conference.

Delinquents—The Statistical Secretary, and the Treasurer called their lists of delinquents.

Question Nine—The ninth question was called and Albert W. Thurs-

ton, Wm. L. Meinzer, John Kaye, Hiram S. Coon, and Sam'l J. Watson were passed in character, reported their collections, and were advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Wm. L. Meinzer, John Kaye and Sam'l J. Watson, were conditioned.

Gilbert D. Brown, Wm. A. Greene, Isaac Potter, Edmund E. Dean, Henry F. Knight, and Robt. M. Stavely, were passed in character, and excepting the last two named, reported their collections. All of these were continued in the class of the third year.

Question Four—Thos. E. Greene on the recommendation of Ashton Quarterly Conference, and being represented by his Presiding Elder, and the Board of Examiners, and Committee on Conference relations, was admitted on trial.

Question Five.—Geo. C. Giffin, Arthur McFarlane and S. Arthur Chappell, were passed in character, reported, and were advanced to the studies of the second year.

Arthur C. Shepherd, passed in character, reported his collection, and having passed in the studies of the first and second years, was advanced to the class of the third year, elected to deacon's orders, and admitted into full connection.

Peter A. Jordan and Isaac B. Sevy were passed in character, continued in the studies of the first year, and left without appointments to attend school.

Conference Relations—The cases of R. M. Stavely and Wm. A. Greene were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

F. A. Burdick and Wm. Underwood asked for the Superannuated relation, and their cases were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Report—C. E. Matteson reported his collections.

Conference Record—G. F. Hopkins offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

WHEREAS: The present Conference Directory, as published in the minutes of 1897 omits many items of importance necessary for the official record of members of the Dakota Conference.

RESOLVED: That the Conference Secretary is hereby instructed to see that *each year* a Conference Record and Roll be inserted in the published minutes, containing,

1. The name of each member of the Conference.
2. The place of nativity.
3. The year of entrance into full connection with a Conference.
4. The year of entrance to Dakota Conference.
5. The relation of each member.

6. Present post office addresses.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That a similar Roll and Record, as far as consistent with their standing, be kept of all Probationers of the Conference.

Excused—At his request, W. J. Calfee was granted permission to leave the seat of Conference.

Closing—After calling the Committees, the Conference adjourned with Doxology, and the Benediction by W. H. Jordan.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, October 21, 1898.

The Devotional exercises were led by Thomas E. Greene.

Opening—At 9 o'clock A. M. the Bishop opened the Conference.

Journal—Yesterday's Journal was read and approved.

Question Seven—W. S. Shepherd and Amos Emmott, passed in character, reported their collections, were represented by their examiners and the Committee on Conference relations, and advanced to the studies of the third year.

W. S. Shepherd was elected to Deacon's orders.

Louis L. Lane and Harvey F. Hitch, were passed in character, reported, and continued in the studies of the second year.

The character of Chas. O. Walker was passed, he reported his collections, was advanced to the studies of the third year and continued on trial.

Question Twenty-Third—The names of Lewis Hartsough, D. W. Chamberlain, H. T. Curl, T. H. Walker, Sanford Washburn, S. F. Brown, and Thos. Wilkinson, superannuates, were called and they were passed in character. F. A. Burdick and Wm. Underwood were granted the Superannuated relation, and referred to the Board of Stewards.

After a few words from Bro. Underwood the Conference joined in singing from Hymn No. 679.

A. R. Boggs—C. E. Hager offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

WHEREAS: Our beloved brother A. R. Boggs has been so heavily afflicted during the past year.

RESOLVED: That we extend our deep sympathy and pray that our all loving Father may continually grant to our suffering brother abundant grace, and

RESOLVED: Further that we tender our sympathies to sister Boggs in the pressing burdens that are upon her through this affliction.

C. E. HAGER.

Question Twenty-Two—The names of Wm. M. Welch was called, his character was passed, and the Bishop read a communication from him. On motion he was made effective and his transfer to Puget Sound Conference was announced.

C. H. Botkin—The report of the select number in the case of C. H. Botkin was made as follows:

We the members of the select number in the case of C. H. Botkin, declare the charge of immorality, and the specifications thereunder, sustained, and he is hereby expelled from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. P. JENKINS,
Secretary.

O. WILLIAMS,
Chairman.

Parker, South Dakota, October 20, 1898.

The Conference voted to reimburse Bro. Springer for expenses incurred in the above case.

J. D. Allison was passed in character and continued in the Supernumerary relation.

Epworth League—The following were made a standing committee on the Epworth League: F. C. MacDuffee, W. H. Cory, A. J. Jolly, W. H. Jordan and S. J. Watson.

Presentation—On behalf of the ministers of Aberdeen District, the Bishop presented Presiding Elder Akers with a gold watch beautifully inscribed. Brother Akers made a happy response, and the Conference joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

Dr. Mason—Dr. M. C. B. Mason, one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference.

Order of the Day—The report of the Committee on Education was made the order of the day for Saturday, immediately after the vote on equal lay representation.

Reports—The following Committees submitted their reports, which were adopted:

American Bible Society,	(Report A.)
Sunday School Union and Tracts,	(Report B.)
Church Extension,	(Report C.)
W. H. M. S.,	(Report D.)
Sabbath Observance,	(Report E.)

Resolutions—The following resolutions were introduced: By A. E. Carhart:

TO THE PRESS OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

We appreciate the power of the press for the elevation or depression of public morals, and rejoice in the indications of improved standards among the periodicals of our state.

Unquestionably many of the editors of this state are in hearty sympathy with all wisely directed efforts for the moral uplift of our people.

May we not rely upon the entire fraternity to aid in efforts to exclude from public print all advertisements of secret remedies, alcoholic beverages and the like, together with such items, reports, and editorial attitudes as are calculated to lower the tone of public morals?

We deplore the fact that with all the improvement made, it is still sometimes difficult to obtain news service indispensable to us, unless it be through tainted channels, and often parents of right ideals must hesitate to introduce into their homes newspapers of the day, lest by their silent influence the standards of their children may be marred.

May we not without the slightest intention of dictating, call attention to the fact that between the vending of immoral articles and encouraging the sale of the same by advertising or other means there can be no real moral distinction?

We rely upon the noble impulses of those whom we address to do all they can to advance the important ends we have in view.

TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

We believe that your interests are in perfect harmony with the highest moral development of our people. May we not call earnest attention to the fact that by the Sunday excursions, so common in this state the past summer, a demoralizing influence was plainly felt.

We respectfully request that the authorities of the railroad lines traversing our state, co-operate with us in our efforts for the elevation of the public morals of the commonwealth by declining in future to permit railroad excursions upon the Sabbath day.

By O. A. Phillips:

Moved that the Secretary be instructed to convey our action on Sunday railroad excursions to the Presidents of the several railroads represented in South Dakota.

Visitor—R. H. Young of the Midland Christian Advocate was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of that periodical.

Transfer—The Bishop announced the transfer of H. P. McBride, a probationer from the Kansas Conference, credited with the studies of the first year.

Question Four—Question four was resumed and Frank Fox and

Joseph E. Watson were represented by the Committee on Conference Relations and admitted on trial.

Deaconess Board—The following resolution was offered by W. H. Jordan:

I move that in accordance with ¶ 205 of the discipline, a Conference Deaconess Board of nine members be appointed, three of these members to be women.

The Board shall be divided into three classes of three members each, whose term of service shall be at the first appointment for one, two and three years respectively, and thereafter for three successively; each member being eligible for successive reappointments.

Bro. Jordan, was requested to nominate the Board.

Arbitration—J. O. Dobson asked for a committee of Arbitration for Sioux Falls District, and C. E. Matteson, O. A. Phillips and F. T. Nicholls were appointed.

Sale Authorized—J. O. Dobson asked, and was granted, the permission of Conference to sell an acre of land, in Yankton county, South Dakota upon which was formerly situated the church known as Zion M. E. church, proceeds to be given to the Gayville church.

Triers of Appeals—The following named were elected Triers of appeals: E. P. Hall, Wm. Underwood, Duane Rifenbark, A. P. Janes, W. J. Calfee, A. C. Stevens, and Oliver Williams.

Change of Relation—W. A. Greene, and R. M. Staveley were granted a supernumerary relation at their own request.

The case of Sylvester H. Brown was reconsidered and he was made effective and the Bishop announced his transfer to the Minnesota Conference.

Class for Admission—The class for admission consisting of Arthur C. Shepherd, Wm. S. Shepherd, and Amos Emmott, was called forward and addressed by the Bishop, and they answered the disciplinary questions. The Conference welcomed the class by hearty handshaking.

Reporter—S. A. Chappel was appointed reporter for the Parker New Era.

Closing—After calling Committees, and list of delinquents, the Doxology was sung, and Benediction pronounced by J. S. Akers.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, October 22, 1898.

W. J. Calfee conducted the devotional exercises at 8:30.

Journal—The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Reports—The following committees presented their reports, which were adopted:

F. A. & S. E. Society,	(Report F.)
Temperance,	(Report G.)
Education,	(Report H.)

W. I. Graham—Pending the adoption of the reports on Education, Pres. Graham addressed the Conference in the interests of Dakota University.

Report—H. P. McBride reported his collection.

State of the Church—T. H. Youngman was added to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Visitor—J. P. Starkey, a local elder, of Minnesota Conference, was introduced.

Motion Renewed—T. H. Youngman renewed the motion of last year, that the chairman of each committee be expected to prepare a report before coming to Conference and to submit the same to his committee for consideration during the session.

Letter—Pending the adoption of the Temperance report the Bishop read a letter from Judge Pollock, of Fargo, N. D., relating to the effectiveness of prohibition in that district.

Order of the Day—The Order of the Day was taken up. Moved by W. H. Jordan, that, without discussion, a rising vote be taken upon the question of Equal Lay Representation. Carried. Affirmative, 58; negative, none.

Phreno-Cosmian—J. P. Hauser was granted the privilege to speak in the interests of the Phreno-Cosmian.

Resolutions—W. I. Graham offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The opening of the twentieth century is nearing, and

WHEREAS, Special efforts will no doubt be made in behalf of material interests of the Church, and,

WHEREAS, The educational work of the Conference is the only peculiarly local interest and the needs of Dakota University are pressing

RESOLVED, That it be the judgment of this Conference that a special effort should be made during the closing year of the nineteenth century

and the opening year of the twentieth century to secure funds for a new building and endowment.

RESOLVED, That a committee of five be appointed to co-operate, with the Board of Directors in formulating a report to the next session of the Conference, setting forth plans and agencies for carrying out the enterprise.

RESOLVED, That a committee of five be appointed to co-operate with the Executive Committee of the University in making provision for the issue of a paper as a joint interest of the Conference and University.

Conference Claimants—The following committee to devise ways of increasing the fund for Conference Claimants, was appointed as follows: N. A. Swickard, J. E. Norvell, A. P. Janes, C. E. Matteson and H. F. Knight.

Conference Minutes—The report of the publisher of the Minutes for last year was submitted. On motion of J. P. Jenkins, A. E. Carhart and A. C. Stevens were made a committee on publication for ensuing year.

Roll was called for subscriptions.

Time Extended—On motion, the time was extended.

Board of Deaconesses—The following Conference Board of Deaconesses was elected.

Class of 1899, J. O. Dobson, N. A. Swickard, Mrs. A. B. Hager.

Class of 1900, O. P. Hall, W. Calfee, Mrs. Ida Russell.

Class of 1901, A. C. Stevens, Mrs. J. P. Jenkins, W. H. Jordan.

Loans—The Bishop presented papers from the Church Extension Society with reference to overdue loans, and they were referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

Adjournment—It was voted that when we adjourn it be until 1:30 P. M.

After announcements and Doxology, the Benediction was pronounced by W. F. Minty.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30.

Opening—At 1:30 the Bishop took the chair and, after singing "All Hail," the Journal of the morning proceedings was read and approved.

Board of Examiners—The Bishop announced as members of the Board of Examiners, class of 1902, O. H. Sproul, W. F. Minty, E. P. Hall.

Order of the Day—The order of the day was taken up, and after discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS: The proposed amendment to the Constitution, respecting "State Control of the Liquor Traffic," is to be voted upon at the coming election. We affirm our conviction that it would be very unsafe and injudicious for us to countenance or support the same.

O. H. SPROUL,

C. E. HAGER.

Report—The Report of the Committee on Ashbury Hospital, was made and adopted. (I)

Visitors—The following visitors were introduced: Henry Witham, Presiding Elder of Fargo District, North Dakota Conference, Wm. Roebottom, and N. J. Aplin of Wisconsin Conference.

Equal Suffrage—The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS: A constitutional amendment proposing Equal Enfranchisement of the sexes has been, by our legislature, submitted to a vote of the electors at our ensuing election. Therefore

RESOLVED: That we accept said proposition with approval, and will use our influence to secure the incorporation of the aforesaid amendment into our state constitution.

W. UNDERWOOD.

O. A. PHILLIPS.

Delegates—A. E. Carhart and O. H. Sproul were elected delegates to the National Anti-Saloon League Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, December 8-10.

Hold Residence—On motion of O. A. Phillips, it was voted that pastors who are to move be permitted to remain until after election.

Nominations—On behalf of the Presiding Elders, H. M. Springer read the nomination for Conference Boards, and standing committees, which were confirmed.

C. B. Clark—C. B. Clark of the Black Hills Conference was introduced.

Conference Claimants—O. Williams was substituted for T. H. Youngman on the Board of Conference Claimants for next year.

Reports—The following committees reported and the reports were adopted:

Auditing Presiding Elder's accounts,	(J.)
Visiting Committee to Dakota University,	(K.)
Church Literature,	(L.)
Womans Foreign Missionary Society,	(M.)

Edit Reports—The Presiding Elder's reports were limited to 1000

words, for publication, and the Secretary was authorized to edit all other reports and condense the same.

Visitors—Rev. A. A. Hislop, pastor of the First Baptist church of the city; Rev. G. F. Jewell and Rev. J. B. Jones of the Upper Iowa Conference were introduced.

Reports—The statistical secretary and the treasurer read their reports, which were adopted.

Delinquents—It was voted that those delinquent in statistical reports be announced in open Conference.

The Presiding Elders were given permission to furnish data to complete statistics of all delinquent charges.

Century Committee—The Bishop announced the following committee for the Century Memorial: J. P. Jenkins, W. L. Meinzer, D. Rifenburg, A. C. Stevens, N. A. Swickard; and on the proposed Conference-College Paper, the Presiding Elders.

R. N. Kratz—Reuben N. Kratz, recommended by the 4th Quarterly Conference at Canistota, was elected to local deacon's orders.

Memorial—C. E. Hager was appointed to prepare a memorial to Sister C. B. Clark.

W. C. Cleworth—The case of W. C. Cleworth was called, he was represented by his Presiding Elder and being recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations, he was readmitted into travelling connection, as a deacon of the first class.

D. Barker—The orders of Dawson Barker with the Methodist Church of Canada, were recognized and he was received as Local Elder in our Church.

Adjournment—Voted that the final adjournment of Conference be not later than 11 a. m. Monday. Announcements were made and after singing the Doxology, the benediction was pronounced by C. B. Clark.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, October 24, 1898.

Devotional meeting was led by W. J. Calfee.

Opening—At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair, and called for the minutes, which were read and approved.

Reports—The following reports were adopted.

State of the Church (O.)

Conference Stewards (P.)

Resolutions. (Q.)

The resolution referring to President McKinley was adopted by a rising vote, followed by the singing of "America" by the Conference.

On motion of O. A. Phillips, it was voted that a copy of the resolution concerning President McKinley, and also concerning the Army Canteen, be forwarded to the President.

Bishop McCabe—The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Since it has been our blessed privilege once again in annual Conference assembled to enjoy the interflow of brotherly affection and fellowship among ourselves sitting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and since this splendid session of our annual Conference has been made rich and strong and sweet by the presidency of Bishop McCabe,

We wish to give this formal expression of the sentiments of love which we feel for the man and the boundless admiration that we have for the Bishop.

His wise and dignified administration has won our esteem. His presence and his burning words have inspired us and brought to our souls a new endowment of power, while his brotherliness has touched all our hearts. May the blessing of Almighty God and afflatus of the spirit abide upon him to the end of his marvelous career. We shall be rejoiced should he ever be returned to us; but, in any event, we expect to meet him in glory and with him to sing the song of Moses and the Lamb.

J. O. DOBSON,
T. SIMMONS,
HENRY M. SPRINGER,
J. S. AKERS,
D. RIFENBARK,
C. E. HAGER,
O. H. SPROUL.

Collection—\$68.00 was announced as the special collection for A. R. Boggs.

Visitors—The following visitors were introduced: L. C. Buehlmeier of the Northwest German Conference, R. E. McBride of the Kansas Conference.

Presentation—The Bishop, on behalf of the pastors of Watertown District presented H. M. Springer with a purse of money.

E. T. Colton—E. T. Colton of Dakota University, was introduced, and spoke on the Student Evangelistic movement.

Memoir—The Secretary read the memoir of Mrs. C. B. Clark, and the Conference joined in singing, "I would not live always etc."

C. E. Hager offered the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote.

Realizing our great loss in the departure of our beloved sister, Mary E. Clark, wife of Dr. C. B. Clark, we desire to express the deep sympathy of this body for our bereaved brother in his great sorrow.

We commend father and sons in their loneliness to the tender care of him who comforteth as a "mother comforteth."

Missionary Appropriation—H. M. Springer, on behalf of the Presiding Elders, read the list of Missionary Appropriations.

(See page 6.)

Conference Claimants—H. S. Coon offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That any brother of the Dakota Conference who comes to the seat of Conference with less than the full apportionment for Conference Claimants ought to pay the deficiency out of his own income.

Incorporation—Steps were taken to incorporate the Conference, and it was voted that "Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church" be adopted as the corporate name, and Mitchell as the place for the transaction of business. The secretary was instructed to cast the ballot and the following were elected as trustees: W. B. Redburn, president J. B. Dibble, secretary; T. H. Youngman, treasurer; W. D. Deeble, A. C. Stevens, G. T. Notson, A. E. Carhart.

Time Extended—On motion the time was extended.

Superannuate Fund—The treasurer was empowered to forward allowances to each Superannuate.

A. E. Burrows—The Committee on Conference Relations reported the case of A. E. Burrows, and by action of the Conference his request for readmission was not granted.

Report—The Committee on Auditing Treasurer's Accounts reported—report adopted—(S.)

Anti-Saloon League—A. E. Carhart made a report of the work of the Anti-Saloon League.

Epworth League—W. S. Calfee spoke with reference to an Epworth League Assembly and School of Methods.

Readmission—Upon the recommendation of Bishop McCabe, J. B. Starkey was readmitted to the travelling connection upon his certificate of location from the Minnesota Conference. He was introduced and welcomed.

Official Record—On motion the Printed Journal was made the Official Record of the Conference.

Adjournment—On motion, after the reading of the minutes and of the appointments, the Conference should stand adjourned *sine die*.

Minutes read and approved.

The Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 816, and after Prayer and an address by the Bishop the appointments were read the Doxology sung and the Conference stood adjourned.

Certificate of Ordination.

This Certifies, That in the City of Parker, South Dakota, on October 23, 1898, I ordained.

ARTHUR C. SHEPHERD,

WILLIAM S. SHEPHERD,

Deacons.

And by the aid of Elders present,

WILLIAM J. CALFEE,

DONALD C. McLEAN,

FRANK L. BROMAGHIM.

Elders in the Church of God.

CHARLES C. McCABE,

Bishop Presiding.

Parker, South Dakota, October 24, 1898.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference?* W. J. Calfee from Nebraska Conference; Jos. E. Houlgate from Northern Minnesota Conference; H. P. McBride from the Kansas Conference.
2. *Who have been readmitted?* W. C. Cleworth—(Studies of 3d year) J. B. Starkey (Located Minnesota Conference.)
3. *Who have been received on credentials, and from what Churches?* None.
4. *Who have been received on trial?* (a) *In the studies of first year?* Thos. E. Greene, Frank Fox, Jos. E. Watson. (b) *In studies of third year?* None.
5. *Who have been continued on trial?* (a) *In studies of first year?* Isaac B. Sevy, Peter A. Jordan. (b) *In studies of second year:* Geo. C. Giffin, Arthur McFarlane, S. Arthur Chappell, Louis L. Lane, Harvey F. Hitch, H. P. McBride. (c) *In studies of third year:* Chas. O. Walker. (d) *In studies of fourth year:* None.
6. *Who have been discontinued?* None.
7. *Who have been admitted into full membership?* (a) *Elected and ordained deacons this year:* Arthur C. Shepherd, Wm. S. Shepherd. (b) *Elected and ordained deacons previously:* Amos Emmott.
8. *What members are in studies of third year?* (a) *Admitted into full membership this year:* Arthur C. Shepherd, Wm. S. Shepherd, Amos Emmott. (b) *Admitted into full membership previously:* Gilbert D. Brown, Wm. A. Greene, Isaac P. Potter, Edmund E. Dean, Henry F. Knight, Robt. M. Stavelly, W. C. Cleworth.
9. *What members are in studies of fourth year?* Sylvester H. Brown, Thos. Sanderson, Wm. O. Gram, Wm. H. Colvin, Albert W. Thurston, Wm. L. Meinzer, John Kaye, Hiram S. Coon, Sam'l J. Watson.
10. *What members have completed the Conference course of study?* (a) *Elected and ordained Elders this year:* Frank L. Bromaghim, Donald C. McLean, Wm. J. Calfee. (b) *Elected and ordained Elders previously:* None.
11. *What others have been elected and ordained deacons?* (a) *As local preachers:* Reuben N. Kratz. (b) *Under missionary rule:* None.
12. *What others have been elected and ordained Elders?* (a) *As local deacons:* None. (b) *Under missionary rule:* None.
13. *Was the character of each preacher examined?* This was strictly done, as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.
14. *Who have been transferred and to what Conferences?* C. B. Clark to Black Hills Conference, Wm. M. Welch to Puget Sound Conference, Sylvester H. Brown to Minnesota Conference.
15. *Who have died?* None.
16. *Who have been located at their own request?* None.

17. *Who have been located?* None.
18. *Who have withdrawn?* Alfred Fowler, Herbert Haynes.
19. *Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?* None.
20. *Who have been expelled?* C. H. Botkin.
21. *What other personal notation should be made?* (a) W. C. Cleworth, credentials restored. (b) Dawson Barker as a local Elder from Methodist Church of Canada.
22. *Who are the supernumerary preachers?* J. D. Allison, W. A. Greene, Robt. M. Stavely.
23. *Who are the superannuated preachers?* Lewis Hartsough, D. W. Chamberlain, H. T. Curl, T. H. Walker, Sanford Washburn, S. F. Brown, Thos. Wilkinson, A. R. Boggs, F. A. Burdick, Wm. Underwood.
24. *Who are the triers of appeals?* E. P. Hall, Wm. Underwood, Duane Rifenbark, A. P. Janes, W. J. Calfee, A. C. Stevens, Oliver Williams.
25. *What is the statistical report for this year?* (See tabulated report.)
26. *What is the aggregate of the benevolent collection ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?* \$9,386.
27. *What are the claims on the Conference Fund?* \$1,500.
28. *What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?* \$1,270, which has been applied, by order of the Conference.
29. *Where are the preachers stationed?* (See list of appointments.)
30. *Where shall the next Conference be held?* Huron, by unanimous vote.

J. P. JENKINS,
Secretary.

CHARLES C. McCABE,
President.

REPORT OF ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

J. S. AKERS, P. E.

So full of defects and weakness Divine mercy alone has enabled me to finish my term of six years on Aberdeen District, and though full of toil they were filled with bliss.

Fifty ministers have shared richly with me in the struggle to plant here our glorious Methodism, and our fellowship of toil, trial and suffering has been sweet and will live in memory "while life shall last or immortality endures." There were times when we never could have endured to the victory, but for the help of visible and invisible "horses and chariots of fire," among the former were the Parent Missionary Society and the Womans Home Missionary Society, and of the invisible forces there was an "innumerable company." This last year was one of peace and prosperity. Two churches have been reopened, where, through hard times in one case, and a decline of faith in another case the altar fires had gone out. I refer to Roscoe and Langford. The former now an appointment on the Bowdle charge, the latter now a station in the east end of the district.

Since last Conference three new churches have been dedicated, at Conde, Mound City and Scatterwood, another is ready for dedication on Ashton circuit, while at Bangor still another is rapidly advancing to completion. Thus the district is in better shape by about seven beautiful churches than it was a year ago, while a number of parsonages have been materially improved, and at least two new ones are being projected. Thus we now have thirty churches and ten parsonages, an increase, in six years, of seven churches and four parsonages.

The pastors will report large payments on old debts which for years have been eating the life out of their charges, but which now through their pastoral fidelity are rapidly melting away.

WARNER--has paid the last of her church debt of \$400, and at Scatterwood finished, at a cost of \$135, the church begun by Father Williams, dedicating it August 7. Value \$800.

NORTHVILLE--has paid the whole of her debt, \$377. Mellette, on same charge, paid \$100 towards old debt and \$100 on improvements, with vigorous push on foot to pay up all debts at once.

MOUND CITY--dedicated her church September 18th, costing \$1,525, all paid except church Ex. debt of \$250. Church and parsonage value \$2,400. One of the most promising charges in the district.

LANGFORD.--In a defection in 1896 the entire society seceded joining the Presbyterians, only they failed to carry with them the church and parsonage, valued at \$2,300. Methodism appeared to be wiped out, but during 1898 at urgent appeal of several who had grown sick of the change

our Bro. Minty of Britton visited them when twenty-six of the old flock came bounding back into the old fold singing, "Blest be the Tie that Binds." Reorganization was completed, an experienced pastor, Rev. N. J. Aplin, took charge, the old fire rekindled on the altar, and we report twenty-seven members, ten probationers, fifty in Sunday School, fifteen Epworth Leaguers and all church activities resumed.

LEOLA.—Victim of drouths, fires, exodus and such like, she, with her plucky pastor, J. T. Gurney, is battling hard to outride the storm, but the sky is dark.

HECLA.—has much to discourage her. Many isms are rampant, some very unchristian and few that will tolerate Methodism, yet we have a little band who stand firm and will conquer.

GROTON.—is just rallying from her crop failure of '97 and can do little more than support her pastor, but will rise and shine for she is faithful.

FREDERICK.—charge is paying all old debts, gives promise of a good advance very soon.

DOLAND.—is in peace and full of promise. She will come in with full benevolent reports.

DEVOE.—sends me no data for report.

CONDE.—Full of zeal is aflame at most points. Early in the year she dedicated her new church free of debt, cost \$1,500. Has a \$600 parsonage. Paid salaries and benevolences in full.

CLAREMONT.—will report in full on all pastoral and benevolent claims, and urges the return of her popular pastor.

BRITTON,—the mercurial, closes with the last dollar of her church debt paid and the mortgage burned. Pastoral and benevolent claims are mostly fully paid. Few charges can boast better pulpit and pastoral service than Britton enjoyed these four years. A great revival and a parsonage are her next needs.

BOWDLE.—holds on, though often discouraged, but now that Roscoe joins with her she takes heart and will be victor. On old church debts she has paid this year \$100.

BANGOR.—is making a good advance and will soon complete the first protestant church in Walworth county.

BATH.—reports all pastoral claims and benevolences full. Had a grand revival at Columbia. Is a living success at all points. The parsonage now occupies a much better site and is so arranged in reference to the church as to make it one of our best properties while all expenses have been paid. The quarterly conference, of course, asked the return of pastor, W. D. Deeble.

ASHTON.—has reseated her church with delightful pews, purchased good parsonage which she will enlarge at once, and at Percival has a commodious new church just ready for dedication, and no debts remain.

ANDOVER—through faithful pastoral work shows great advances over former years.

ABERDEEN—Through deaths and removals lost 46 members, yet 203 remain, and 21 probationers. She reports all pastoral and benevolent claims paid with excess on missions and education. Dakota University \$100; other benevolences \$100; church debts and improvements \$150. Has this year, in total, paid \$2,517, or \$12.40 per member.

This charge takes 54 Christian Advocates, one for each four members, which accounts largely for her liberality. People who read our church literature grow in love and liberality for the church and her ministers. May God mightily increase their number! Nothing is better calculated to overthrow dangerous errors and popular fallacies among our people than our church literature. Wise pastors circulate it.

J. S. AKERS.

REPORT OF HURON DISTRICT.

T. SIMMONS, P. E.

What a pleasure to *represent* a score of faithful pastors and report their trophies of victories won through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Their unity of spirit and uniformity of labor were open channels for the waves of God's grace and salvation which have touched the very limits of our District. Through the prevailing revival spirit 550 have been converted and scores sanctified. Every charge without exception had part in this glorious work. Cavour charge had 85 conversions, Wessington 55, Huron 50, Winthrop 49, Wessington Springs 44, Faulkton, Gettysburg, Burdett, Iroquois and Wolsey, about 30 each, nearly every charge from 10 to 20, and not a charge without some conversions.

The Quarterly meetings have been seasons of power, with sometimes a bright conversion at the communion table, other times rising for prayers have started a revival—in one instance resulting in 42, and another 25 conversions. The State Holiness Campmeeting was utilized for a District Pentecost. Bro. McLaughlin is a safe and good man to promote old time Methodism with old time Holy Ghost power. All the pastors but five were in attendance. Many were converted and many sanctified, sending a thrill of new life over the district.

The Epworth League grows in usefulness. Some are very spiritual, notably Huron and Wessington Springs. They also bear financial burdens. Huron League paid \$50 salary and donated a new piano worth \$250. The District Convention had large attendance, was good and helpful. Two Sub District Conventions were held with much profit.

The Junior Leagues are generally doing well, and solving the difficult

problem of the catechetical training of the children.

One new charge has been established besides 4 new preaching points, 6 new Methodist Episcopal Sunday Schools organized and 6 more changed from Union to Methodist Episcopal Schools, 4 new Epworth Leagues. The pastor's salaries have advanced on all but 4 charges from \$5 to \$150. Church building and improvements have kept pace. A little church worth \$500 was dedicated, in February, on the Gettysburg charge and free of debt. Later a nice Church costing \$1000 on Cavour charge soon followed by the dedication of a neat little chapel costing \$600 on the same charge, also free from debt.

The lot is secured and \$100 in hand to build a little church in the near future at Lebanon, Gettysburg charge. Likewise the people of Carlton are moving to build a church and Burdette to build a parsonage. Our church and parsonage property is in better condition, insurance better kept up and buildings repaired and beautified with paper and paint. Huron leads off in raising and expending \$800 in repairs, papering and painting whole Church and in completing over the lecture room in the Church the finest and most commodious study in the finest house of worship in the state. Faulkton Church at a cost of \$200 is in most excellent repair. Oneida added \$100 to Church improvements. Miller paid \$200 Church debt. Redfield paid off many floating debts and put in a new \$150 furnace. Orient has now nearly paid and will entirely liquidate the old Church Extension debt of \$500. Wessington Springs lifted a \$55 claim. Wessington is struggling to lift her \$200 Church Extension debt, just remitted \$150 and will soon wipe out the whole amount. Alpena expended \$400 on parsonage.

No special *Missionary* campaign was held, but a fine general work was carried on through the year. Beginning early we made thorough work for Missionary debt, receiving in money and pledges $2\frac{1}{2}$ times our apportionment. For the regular collection a number of charges are above their apportionments. Hitchcock leading the district followed by Huron, Pierre, Winthrop and probably others. A few will fall below, but generally where Church building or Church debt have pressed heavily. In total, however, we have an advance in our benevolent collections.

Two Ministerial Associations were held, one between the holidays, the other in May. They were helpful in character, well attended and greatly enjoyed. In the last one especially the deepest and sweetest spirit I ever witnessed at such a gathering pervaded the whole session. Angels breathe such atmosphere, and God *dwells* in it.

The pulpits of Huron District have been united and clear in their stand against the worldly amusements forbidden in the Discipline and that with good results.

A growing spirit of loyalty in our Sunday School work is very manifest. 6 schools have given up David C. Cook's Sunday School Cookery

and have adopted the supplies of the *Methodist Episcopal Royal Bakery*, and now enjoy the fresh bread and pies and angels food, prepared at home and baked with heavenly fire.

Dakota University—I believe is not in our district, but it has a large place in our hearts. Pastors and people watch with pride and gratitude this school rising in tone and favor from the day Dr. Graham gave it a new head and a new heart. We confront the fact of three competing schools in our district, but our school merits Methodist loyalty and it must have it. It will do best work for our children and must have them.

The Equal Suffrage enjoyed in our Church is genial atmosphere for the aspiration of right and justice in the realm of state. Our pastors are all just and right on the subject.

I will not bring a full report of my district without the merited recognition of elect women from pastor's wife down to sexton, who are so helpful in planning and executing the work of the Church that without them the Church would be well nigh helpless.

About the 1st of the year Dr. Clark, for climatic benefits for his beloved wife, transferred to Black Hills Conference. But in spite of all this her disease triumphed and her precious remains were laid to rest so recently in Mitchell. May God grant especial grace for the bereaved friends.

This vacancy in Huron caused by Dr. Clark's transfer was soon filled by W. J. Calfee from Evanston. He assumed the work, full of faith and love and has achieved great success. Consecration and work has been his theme and nearly every Sabbath souls are saved and added to the Church.

In closing permit me to say—this has been the happiest and best of my five years service on the district. My own health has not been so good for years. And that of the pastors simply marvelous. No sickness worthy to be mentioned among them for 2½ years, and the same may be said of their families with a single exception. When to these things I add the unfailing goodness of God to me, and the multiplied tokens of confidence and esteem from my brethren my very soul leaps and sings,

"Sweetest note in seraph song,
Sweetest name on mortal tongue,
Sweetest carol ever sung,
Jesus Blessed Jesus."

T. SIMMONS.

REPORT OF MITCHELL DISTRICT.

C. E. HAGER, P. E.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Mitchell District has been deeply afflicted this year. The serious

illness of our beloved Brother Boggs has been a constant grief to the brethren. At the opening of the Conference year, his strength was not great, and failed rapidly as the year advanced. As early as the month of May he was utterly incapacitated for work. Hoping to recover he consented to have the brethren take supervision of the district for the third quarter, but before the expiration of that time his case had so far changed for the worse that he decided to resign and requested Bishop McCabe to appoint the present incumbent to fill the vacancy.

On the 20th of July I entered upon the work and my deliberate impression is that I have been at it ever since. Without exception the pastors have received me kindly and co-operated with me heartily.

All the brethren appointed to fields of labor on the district went to their charges and but one has left us during the year, Rev. R. M. Stavely, whose physical condition prevented him from prosecuting his work.

My predecessor endeavored to supply the place made vacant. A young brother was sent to the charge, but failing to meet the requirements, left within three weeks. Since then Armour has been without a pastor. This flourishing town, with Delmont, is an important charge, and we hope to furnish a preacher to that people next year.

Castalia and LaRoche were left to be supplied and late in the year brother Ed. Underwood was secured. He has done good work, endeared himself to the people and his return is universally desired.

Revivals of far-reaching influence have been held on several charges, notably Alexandria, under the leadership of Brother John Lewtas, where over one hundred souls were converted, nearly all of whom have united with the Church. Woonsocket, over fifty conversions, Lachlan McLain, pastor: This was a marvelous work. Kimball, with forty clearly saved. I. P. Potter is the faithful pastor here. Mitchell, where the church has been in a constant revival since last Conference, a large number have been led into the new life and over eighty have united with the church, with thirty recent probationers, making about one hundred fifteen in all. This has been in every way the best year Mitchell has enjoyed in all its history. In every department the work has prospered under the admirable leadership of Pastor Stevens. Fulton charge has had many conversions and a wonderful year of progress. G. J. Corwin is the preacher on this circuit.

There have been special meetings on nearly every charge and conversions reported, I think, in every case.

In no recent year have so many been won to lives of righteousness on this district.—church building, debt paying and improvements generally.—One new church has been built and dedicated. This house of worship is located at Letcher. It is a neat structure costing \$1,500, exclusive of the lots. Of course the debt has been provided for. R. B. Smith is pastor.

The city hall of Tripp, a fine building, has been purchased and largely paid for, and transformed into both a church and parsonage. We have then a large auditorium, well located, and a parsonage of six rooms. This is on Brother W. H. Green's charge and represents but a small part of his work. We regret to announce that on account of the impaired health of some of the members of his family this devoted and successful minister of Christ leaves us, for a time, at least, and will test the healing properties of a more southern clime. I am sure that though Brother Green goes from us to labor in a distant state, he will not be counted out of our prayers.

Our church at Salem, being freed from debt for the first time in its history, was dedicated a few weeks since and now awaits a new preacher. Rev. W. H. Irwin, having served that charge five years, we have decided to remove him. The people there, however, would be pleased to have the time limit extended. This has been a great year for Salem.

Improvements have been made on our property at Tyndall, and a church has been purchased, moved and nicely repaired and is now located at Bethel on this charge. The whole enterprise is paid for in full. Under the efficient labor of Pastor A. P. Janes this work has so developed that it seems necessary to divide it, placing two men on the field. The chief trouble is that both ends of the charge want the man to be Janes.

On the Edgerton charge, March, one of the points that constitute the circuit, is taking steps to build a new church. Rev. W. W. House has had a most successful year in this field, with several conversions and a splendid record on benevolence. Kimball has paid a large amount on church and parsonage debt and given the church three coats of paint. Scotland has made its church beautiful within this year and reports no debt. Pastor Nickerson has witnessed a healthful growth on this field and announces prosperity on all lines.

Paint has been used to good advantage on the Howard church and parsonage, and the community generally has so brightened up under the labors of Brother Meinzer, that Howard asks to be made a station and says we will care for Pastor Meinzer all right next year. We have had a fraction of him. We want him undivided after Conference. Canistota has been faithfully served by Brother R. N. Kratz, and has not only had true conversions but paid on its church debt at Riverside a considerable amount. Mt. Vernon has made a large payment on its debt. This charge has made a fine record this year. Its pastor has graduated from our college with honors. All benevolences are met, salary paid, and not a few men and women have accepted the glorious offer of salvation. Rev. Jolly is jolly.

Father Underwood has labored faithfully at White Lake and rejoices in the conversion of some souls. His salary is over paid and the work is generally looking up. Plankinton reports a growth in grace and membership. Pastor over paid, benevolences all met and no debt. Rev. Wm.

Shepherd is the happy pastor. In this report I have made no mention of our pastors' wives. Fully half the credit for the splendid and somewhat exceptional work done in this District belongs to them. Uncomplaining, cultured and devoted, too much cannot be said in their behalf. We are deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father for the favors He has shown us as a district and pledge Him whole-hearted service for the year to come. One more name must be mentioned and one institution. The name belongs to Rev. A. E. Carhart, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of our state. A more devoted, self-giving spirit does not live. He has done a great work this Conference year in arousing the people to action against the rum curse and uniting the forces. Though weary, he never stops to rest. He puts the whole emphasis of his great soul into these words: "The saloon must go!" God bless this brave, unselfish heart! The institution is our college at Mitchell—the pride of the whole Conference. The past year shows a marked increase in attendance. The debt has faded well out of sight through cash payments, and behind a fine line of safe notes signed largely by men before me. The work in all lines has reached the altitude of enthusiasm. The present school year opens with considerably over 200 students in attendance, the best faculty, consisting of 15 competent instructors, in the state, and a peerless President, constantly improving on his previous self. He has taken no vacation this year but has gone to every part of the state winning friends to the school. He will speak for himself and the school before this Conference.

Respectfully submitted

C. E. H.

REPORT OF THE SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

J. O. DOBSON, P. E.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Beloved of God and called of the Holy Ghost to preach the glorious gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, I esteem it a great privilege once again to be permitted to report my work in the presence of the church militant before presenting my final report before the bar of the church triumphant, which is without fault, before the throne of God.

What a glorious year this has been for our Methodism. This great, peaceful, church-building Methodist nation has suddenly swung around—changed front—and stepping to the head of the procession, has announced herself amid the booming of cannon on the sea and the rush of embattled hosts on the land, as the champion of human rights upon the earth. And what victories God has given us! Nothing like them since Israel crossed the sea, and, leaving the buried hosts of Pharaoh behind them, drove the hosts of Amalek from the bloody field of Rephadim.

Then, too, it is a matter for patriotic pride and personal satisfaction to me and to every true and loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this and every other land, to know that Old Spain, the dark and bloody champion of popery, has been pulled down from her unholy seat and paralyzed forever by the arm of a Methodist layman, Wm. McKinley, by the grace of God and the suffrage of the people, President of the United States of America.

But you may ask what has all this to do with the Sioux Falls District. I answer, much every way. We are an integral part of this newly cemented and glorified Union and a part of all its glory is ours. We have helped to pay the bills and say the prayers and we expect to keep on paying and praying till the last dollar of war debt jingles into the treasury and the yoke of Spain is forever broken from the neck of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Phillipines, and they walk forth to enjoy the blessings of liberty beneath the protecting folds of the Star Spangled Banner.

Besides all this our Methodist homes have given up their boys at their country's call and sent them forth to do battle for God and far off homes and foreign lands. The Sioux Falls District has made by far the largest contribution in its history to foreign missions. Every soldier boy that we have contributed is worth a hundred thousand dollars. And I am sure, also, that it will rejoice you all, especially our immortal singing chaplain, C. C. McCabe, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, the Philippine Islands and the rest of the world, to know that in a Sioux Falls District gospel tent on Sabbath days, the Epworth League boys of South Dakota over at Cavite are singing the Battle Hymn of the Republic and the Battle Hymn of the Kingdom of Our God:—

“All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let Spaniards prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.”

And this in a land where a few months ago it was a crime to read so mild a document as the Episcopal service on the Sabbath day.

God has done marvelous things by us and for us. Greatly increased responsibilities lie at our door. The sky above our beloved land is enlarged and luminant with new galaxies of stars. Our sphere of influence is broadening out towards the ends of the earth. The future is big with possibilities. What shall be our course? We have no state church to guide us; but may God grant that that church which more than any other is the church of the Union States shall prove true to her original commission in spreading Scriptural holiness over all those lands. Now, at closer range.

Without putting on the microscopic eyeglasses of exact criticism, or going into a molecular analysis of the work on the different charges, I believe it can be truthfully said that never did the men of any district do more faith-

ful work than has been done this year by the men of the Sioux Falls District. And while it has not been a year of marvelous outpourings of the spirit, yet good substantial results have been accomplished and not a few have been added to the churches.

Three new churches and one new parsonage crown the year in a material way, aggregating \$11,000 worth of new property. Some embarrassing church and parsonage debts of long standing have been paid off.

Better business methods have been adopted by some of the churches. The District has more than paid its full apportionment of the missionary debt.

Junior and Epworth League work has been emphasized and pushed to the front. Our District Epworth League meeting last spring was the largest Epworth League convention ever held in the state. Our gospel tent meetings resulted in great good wherever they were held, and in two cases in far-reaching, genuine, old-fashioned revivals.

Upon the whole the men have done strong, clear, definite work, both spiritual and organic. And best of all, the Lord God of Hosts has been with us. Glory to His name.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. DOBSON, P. E.

REPORT OF WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

HENRY M. SPRINGER, P. E.

It is with a heart full of gratitude to our Heavenly Father and the preachers on the district that I present this, my third annual report. The Father has kept my heart in perfect peace and enabled me to gain precious personal victories, and has so blest the seed sown and watered by the brethren, that increase has been realized throughout the district.

ARLINGTON—has been served acceptably the past year by Brother J. B. Dibble. At last the society at Arlington is free from all financial debt. Something over \$300 has been raised during the year for that purpose. The spiritual condition is healthy and prosperous. The home has been gladdened by the appearance of an infant son during the year.

BIG STONE CITY—has prospered under the labors of B. C. Sills. To him and his wife this has been a year of great trials and success. His labors have been interrupted by two severe seasons of illness, and the death of the infant son. The people give Brother Sills the reputation of being an expert hunter for souls, being on the alert he takes them wherever he finds them. An Epworth League chapter of 26 members has been organized. Big Stone City has the banner Junior League of the district, it numbers 80 members. Material advancement has been made by the purchase of a bell and a furnace and other improvements.

BRADLEY—has continued prosperity under the labors of J. S. Harkness, who rounds out the pastoral term. The people are loth to part with him, and would hail his reappointment with joy. Here an Epworth League of 57 members has been organized and is in successful operation. A class has been formed at Lilly, an important point six miles north of town. The parsonage has been improved by a coat of paint inside and out, and a good cistern has been provided.

BRISTOL—has been under the charge of Brother L. L. Lane. This charge has endured a heavy strain this year, in the loss by removals from the village, of some of the leading workers, two of whom have entered the work of the ministry. Nevertheless advancement has been made in fresh recruits, and in turning the sentiment of the business men against the vice of gambling. The church has been painted throughout and freed from debt. Brother Lane is a strong believer in the Bible. He has read therein, "It is not good for man to be alone," and "He that findeth a wife findeth a good thing." He sought, found and obtained.

BROOKINGS—Served by Brother T. H. Youngman, has suffered also by the removal of a large number of the members from the city, whereby much spiritual and financial strength has been lost; nevertheless, under his efficient leadership the church maintains its usual degree of strength. He closes the year with two souls on their knees pleading for mercy.

CASTLEWOOD AND BRUCE—have been served during the past year by Brother George E. Webster. Sixty souls were graciously saved. A church costing \$1,200 was erected at Castlewood. A parsonage enterprise is well under way at the same place, that, with fair weather may be materialized soon after Conference. Bruce wishes to erect a church next year. As to ministerial support, the assurances are that this same field will yield \$500, and a parsonage. Surely these results justify the effort to reoccupy the field.

CLARK—has been acceptedly served by Brother A. D. Dexter, who has patiently stood in his lot and at his post, and held the church steady and from retrograding under very trying circumstances. To him the people of the town, in and out of the Church are loyal, and with joy will hail his return for another year.

CLEAR LAKE—Has been so acceptably served by Brother H. F. Knight, that the people, as a mass, have insisted on his remaining with them for the full pastoral term.

During the year an Epworth League Chapter of 30 members has been organized; a troublesome old debt has been liquidated; a bell placed in the tower; a two-inch plank, six-foot-wide sidewalk has been laid on the church property; the lecture room, formerly used for storing coal and various other things, has, by the Epworth League, been cleaned up, carpeted and calcimined, and filled with chairs that are in turn filled by the

constantly increasing congregations. The expenses of the debt and improvements amount to about \$300.

ELKTON AND TRENTON,—Here brother S. H. Brown has spent another successful year, increasing the membership and congregations. Soon after conference his home was gladdened by the advent of an infant son.

GARDEN CITY—has been successfully served by brother C. O. Walker. There is a strong probability of the erection of a parsonage this fall.

GARY—has been served the past year by Brother Paul G. Shepersky. It was his first charge, and has improved under his administration; the Church building has received a new coat of paint. Brother Shepersky has also found that good thing; a wife.

HAZEL,—under the pastorate of that veteran, A. Willford, has advanced along all lines. A new Church enterprise, started by brother C. R. Anderson, last year at the Oxford appointment, has been carried forward to almost completion. A good sum of money has been gathered by the ladies at Hazel towards a parsonage. The intention is to erect it this fall.

HENRY—has been served by a beginner, Nathan S. Wilson, who has proved himself a good pastor and an improving preacher. A splendid revival, followed by cottage prayer-meetings, added materially to the spirituality and numbers of the church.

LAKE PRESTON,—under the wise management of Brother G. A. Bird, has made substantial advancement. From being a charge that three years ago paid a salary of \$160, paid this last year \$433 and the parsonage. There has been a gathering up of scattered elements, and there is the prospect of its becoming a strong appointment. Very much to our regret, Brother Bird has returned to Wisconsin.

MILBANK AND ALBANS.—Brother O. Williams is closing his third year on this charge. During his pastorate a parsonage has been purchased and almost paid for by the Ladies' Aid, and during the past year, a troublesome debt of \$590 including interest has been wiped out. Nothing now but the obligation to the loan fund is against the Church. There has been an increase of membership; and brother Williams has a strong hold on the affections of the people. As it was not convenient for brother Williams to give Albans the attention it needed, other provisions were made for supplying it, by attaching it to the Twin Brooks circuit; \$80 have been raised for the improvement of the Church property.

SISSETON AND WHITE ROCK—charge has been served during the past year by several men. Brother N. A. Newman first took charge, and served for five months. At the end of that time he resigned his charge, and the Lord placed in my hands brother W. C. Ehlers of Bristol. Fresh from the forge, he took possession of the work. The Lord so blessed his labors that the Church enterprise, started at Sisseton the fall before, was completed, and dedicated on the 12th of June. The work had so revived

all over the circuit that it was necessary, at the time of the dedication to divide it; Brother Ehlers took the White Rock part and brother G. F. Jewell, was placed in charge of Sisseton. Both men have kept the rate of progress. Brother Jewell has developed two fine outside appointments, which makes Sisseton, a desirable charge.

Because of former discouragements, the people at White Rock greeted brother Ehlers with a very cool reception, when he first took the entire work. At the 4th Quarterly Conference, the people informed the Presiding Elder that Brother Ehlers must not be removed under any circumstances. \$300 have been raised for the purpose of purchasing land and the erection of a parsonage there this fall. A Church will be erected there next summer.

TWIN BROOKS—has been under the charge of Brother A. J. Lidstone. During the year Albans and Melrose were added to this charge, and a helper in Brother Shirley S. Boselly was procured. As a whole the work has advanced, although Brother Lidstone has suffered from illness a considerable portion of the year. Like some others of his brethren, he has sought and found that "good thing" a wife.

WATERTOWN,—under the leadership of Brother E. P. Hall, has increased numerically, and the debt condition has been relieved. Being a master in the preaching art, he holds the congregations of the city.

WAUBAY AND SUMMIT.—Brother J. W. Dibble, one of the pioneers of this state, and of our Methodist church, was placed in charge at last Conference. There were four appointments. Because of severe illness three years ago, he found himself unable to attend all of them. He confined himself to Waubay and Wheatland, but more especially to Waubay, where he made marked progress in establishing and strengthening our cause. It is asserted that the right man can secure a salary of \$250 at Waubay alone with \$75 at Wheatland.

SUMMIT AND EVERGREEN—the two other appointments were left without preaching until June, when Brother L. W. Putnam of Bristol, informed the P. E., that he must have work, and that right away. The call of God was so clear, and the pressure of the Spirit was so great, that he could not wait until Conference. As the people desired preaching as earnestly as he desired to preach, the only thing that the P. E., could do was to unite these two desires. Accordingly he was turned loose in that summit country, without an organization of any kind. The result is a circuit of five appointments. Two organized classes; plans for erecting a parsonage; also a demand for a preacher for next year, with the assurance that he will be taken care of.

WEBSTER—has been supplied by Brother H. P. McBride, a transferred probationer from the Kansas Conference. Brother Alfred Fowler, sent the P. E., his withdrawal from the Ministry and membership of the Church. Although Brother McBride is a young and inexperienced man he

has so conducted the affairs in Webster, that the church is in better condition than when he took possession.

WHITE—Has been occupied by Brother S. J. Watson, who furnishes the following summary of his year's work on that circuit of three appointments: Traveled 2,000 miles; 400 pastoral visits made; preached 165 times; baptized 31—24 adults and 7 infants; received into full membership—from probation, 33; by letter, 17; total, 50. Lost—by death, 2; by withdrawal, 1; by letter, 2; total, 5; net gain, 45.

WILLOW LAKES AND VIENNA—Brother A. C. Bevers, pastor. For several years there has been a downward tendency in this charge; but recently there has been a change, and the trend is for the better. The membership at both places has been sadly depleted by removals from the country and withdrawals from the church. The debts at both places, in addition to the pastor's salary, have proven a serious burden, especially at Vienna, where, at the fourth quarterly meeting, the few remaining members pleaded with the P. E. to drop the appointment. But as the P. E. was not appointed to abandon places, but to build them up, and finding that the Church Extension debt was the great cause of trouble, he found a man who assumed the principal, \$250, the Board of Church Extension remitting the interest. Since this adjustment a new life has entered into the cause there. One hundred and five dollars have been raised to improve the building and a subscription will be raised to pay the balance of \$90 on the lumber bill. When this is done the church will be out of debt and will be one of the neatest churches on the District. Willow Lakes has paid an old lumber bill of \$165.00 this year.

WILMOT—Has been well served the past two years by Brother F. A. Burdick. During the past year, besides adding materially to the spirituality and membership of the charge, a \$100 bell has been placed in the tower, and the church neatly papered at Wilmot. At Corona a church costing \$1,200, with a bell and furnace at an additional cost of \$175, has been paid for. Brother Burdick has proved himself a workman that needeth not be ashamed; nevertheless, his health is so failing that he feels that he must retire.

The Inter-state Campmeeting and Epworth League held at Simpson Park in June and July, although not largely attended, were seasons of power and profit.

HENRY M. SPRINGER, P. E.

PLANS AND RULES FOR EXAMINATION.
IN THE
Conference Courses of Study

ADOPTED BY THE
DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

EXAMINERS.

W. H. JORDAN, Chairman, Sioux Falls	E. P. HALL.....Watertown
A. C. STEVENS, Secretary... Mitchell	N. A. SWICKARD.....Aberdeen
O. H. SPROUL .....Aberdeen	A. P. JANES.....Tyndall
W. I. GRAHAM..... Mitchell	F. T. NICHOLLS.....Parker
W. F. MINTY.....Woonsocket	G. F. HOPKINS.....Flandreau
T. H. YOUNGMAN .....Brookings	W. D. DEEBLE.....Bath

In order to secure a more systematic and efficient supervision of the Conference Courses of Study, and Examinations thereon, the plans and methods below given shall be followed, subject to revision and amendment by order of the Conference.

I—BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The Board of Examiners of the Dakota Conference shall consist of twelve members, who shall be nominated by the Cabinet and appointed by the Presiding Bishop.

The Board shall be divided into four classes of three members each, whose term of service shall at the first appointment be for one, two, three and four years respectively, and thereafter for four years successively; each examiner being eligible for successive reappointment.

Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the Chairman of the Board, until the ensuing Annual Conference, when appointments shall be made as for full terms.

All appointments of examiners are to be made, if possible, as early as the third day of each Annual Conference session.

2—OFFICERS.

The Board shall organize by electing from its members, annually, at its first regular meeting, a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Secretary, who shall perform the usual duties of these offices.

The work of the Secretary shall also include the keeping of a permanent book record of the standing and credits of all candidates subject to examination by the Board; and he shall report the same to the Conference when required. This record shall also contain the credits allowed candidates for work done in our Literary and Theological Schools.

3—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Officers of the Board shall constitute an Executive Committee, which shall have authority, under direction of the Board, to select the place and fix the date of the Mid-year Meeting, arrange the literary and religious program in connection with the same, and attend to all general matters of business in the intervals between Board meetings.

4—REGULAR MEETINGS.

The Board of Examiners shall hold three regular meetings each year, as follows:

(1) At the seat of the Annual Conference, before the close of the annual session if possible, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the election of officers and the assignment of work for the year. At this meeting the various examinations, and other work in connection therewith, should be assigned definitely to the several members of the Board; a schedule of the studies and subjects in the courses, with the names of examiners and the times of examination, should be prepared for publication in the Conference minutes or otherwise; and general plans outlined for the Mid-year Meeting of the Board.

(2) A Mid-year Meeting, to be held in the month of May of each year, the session not to continue longer than four days, usually from Tuesday to Friday inclusive, the first two days being devoted mainly to special reviews, the last two, mainly to examinations.

All undergraduates, and as far as possible all candidates for admission to the Conference, and all local preachers who are candidates for orders, are required to attend this Mid-year Meeting, unless excused from attendance for adequate cause by the Chairman of the Board.

At this meeting examinations shall be conducted on at least one half of the books and subjects on which examinations are to be conducted during the year.

It is expected that special lectures and other literary and religious exercises will be provided in connection with the regular work of the session, for the enjoyment and profit of all in attendance.

In place of the Mid-year Meeting the Board may at its option provide for Mid-year examinations at district meetings.

(3) The Board of Examiners shall also convene at the seat of the Annual Conference, each year, the day before the Conference session begins, to review and complete the work of the year; and especially to conclude the examination of all candidates in the courses of study, related to the work of that year. All examinations must be completed by the evening of the first day of the Conference session.

5—SYSTEMATIC STUDY.

It shall be one duty of the Board to endeavor to secure more systematic work among the undergraduates in the four years' course of study—a duty not less important than to provide for more careful examinations. Therefore, as far as is practicable the examiners shall give to the undergraduates and others, suggestions and instruction with reference to proper and profitable study of the books and subjects in all the required courses.

6—QUESTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS.

As a rule all examinations shall be in writing.

All candidates in the same class, who are examined at the same time, shall be tested by the same questions.

A list of not fewer than ten questions shall be prepared on each book or subject assigned for examination.

In the case of all candidates for "admission on trial," the Board is instructed to examine *first* in the "Elementary English Branches," and if the candidate fails to pass in these with reasonable credit, other examinations shall be postponed, and he shall be required to bring up these studies before he is admitted to examination in others.

In case of the unavoidable absence from the meetings of the Board of any Examiner, he shall forward his lists of questions to the Chairman, who will arrange for supervision of the examinations.

7—SYLLABI AND OTHER PAPERS.

Candidates are required to make syllabi of the books assigned to be read, certifying that they prepared them independently, as the result of their own reading, not merely following the table of contents. All essays, sermons and syllabi shall be graded, and the grading recorded, as in the case of books and subjects to be studied.

All written work for the year, except such final examinations on text books and subjects as are reserved for the third meeting of the Board, shall be forwarded to the appropriate examiners at least one month before the date of the Annual Conference.

8—GRADES AND GRADING.

All grades shall be made on a scale of 100; and the minimum grade upon which a candidate in the regular conference course, or for admission on trial may be passed is 70 per cent. on each study or subject.

Candidates for local Deacon's or Elder's orders must reach a grade of at least 60 per cent.

Each examiner shall forward to the Secretary, as soon as practicable after the completion of the examination, the papers, certificates and grades of each candidate; and the Secretary shall file the papers, and make a permanent record of all grades and credits.

On receipt of these certificates of grades and credits from the examiner, the Secretary shall also promptly notify the candidates in writing of the results of their examinations; which notification shall be to the candidates an official certificate of their work.

In case any candidate fails to pass in any study or examination, the Secretary shall notify the Chairman of the Board as well as the candidate.

9—APPEALS.

In case any candidate appeals from the grade markings of any examiner, the Board of Examiners shall investigate the matter, and make the final decision thereon.

All examination papers for the preceeding year shall be destroyed at the close of each session of the Annual Conference; and no appeal shall be entertained thereafter.

10—MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

No candidate shall be entitled to advanced classification who has failed to pass in two books or subjects to be studied or three books to be read; or in one to be studied and two to be read; or who is delinquent an equivalent amount in other required work; and no candidate shall be entitled to examination in advanced studies until he has brought up the work on which he is delinquent.

11—FEES.

To provide for the necessary expense of the Board, an annual fee of one dollar shall be required of each candidate for examination.

The undergraduates of the Conference shall forward this fee to the Secretary of the Board annually, within sixty days of the adjournment of Conference. On receipt of the money the Secretary shall send the candidate a certificate which shall entitle him to all the privileges and examinations of the Board for the year.

Candidates for admission on trial, or for local orders, must also forward this fee of one dollar before they can be considered eligible for examination.

At the third meeting of the Board, a committee shall be appointed to audit the financial accounts of the Secretary.

12—FOR ADMISSION OR ORDERS.

It shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders to report to the Secretary

of the Board as early in the year as possible the names of all candidates for orders. These will be expected to take their examinations at the regular meeting of the Board, and should be put in correspondence with the Secretary, so as to learn the requirements which apply to them.

13—PUBLICATION.

A copy of this plan, together with the detailed schedule of studies and assignments to examiners, shall be printed from year to year in the Conference Minutes; and if thought necessary the Board may also publish the same in pamphlet form.

14—AMENDMENTS.

The Board of Examiners shall be a permanent committee on the revision and amendment of the plans and methods herein presented; but before they become a valid part of the plan, or are used or published by the Board, all proposed changes must be accepted by vote of the Conference.

W. H. JORDAN,
Chairman.

ADDENDA.

(1) SCHEDULE OF CLASSES.

The Chairman shall arrange schedule of classes and the hours for the meeting of each to be strictly adhered to, at the annual Conference Examination.

(2) SEPARATE BUILDING.

The Board requests that a room separate from the Church in which the Conference is held be provided each year in which to hold examinations.

(3) GRADES FROM CONFERENCES.

Acceptance of grades from other Conferences shall in every instance be optional with the Board. A low grade as a rule will not be recognized.

(4) RECOGNITION CARD.

At the opening of the Annual Conference Examinations, each candidate shall present to the Chairman a certificate from the Registrar of standing in the mid-year tests, also of fee paid. This shall entitle him to a recognition card signed by the Chairman, to be shown to each examiner from whom work is desired.

General Financial Statement.

FOR YEAR CLOSING OCTOBER 25, 1898,

Receipts for 31 certificates issued..... \$31.00

Paid out for postage, stationery, circulars and Registrar's record book.....	22.30
Amount on hand.....	8.70

The Treasurer's account was accepted as per itemized statement rendered at Conference.

A. C. STEVENS,
Registrar.

W. H. JORDAN,
President.

Undergraduates.

CLASS OF 4TH YEAR.

John Kaye, W. O. Gram, A. W. Thurston, H. S. Coon, W. L. Meinzer, S. J. Watson, Thos. Sanderson, W. H. Colvin.

CLASS OF 3RD YEAR.

W. S. Shepherd, A. C. Shepherd, Amos Emmott, C. O. Walker, G. D. Brown, I. P. Potter, W. A. Green, H. F. Knight, Edmund E. Dean, R. M. Stavely, W. C. Cleworth.

CLASS OF 2ND YEAR.

G. C. Giffin, S. A. Chappell, Arthur McFarlane, L. L. Lane, H. P. McBride, H. F. Hitch.

CLASS OF 1ST YEAR.

P. A. Jordan, Frank Fox, J. E. Watson, Thos. E. Green, Isaac B. Sevy.

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE CLASSES AND INSTRUCTORS.

INSTRUCTOR	* FOR ADMISSION	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR	LOCAL ORDERS
Jordan.....	.....	Extem. Preach....	.....	Hermeneutics.....	.....	Christian Baptism....
Minty.....	American History..	Ancient and Med. History.....	Mod. History..	.....	.....	Methodist Law.....
Graham ..	Sermon and Essay	Miley.....	Miley.....	Psychology.....	.....	.....
Sproul.....	Life of Wesley.....	Christ. Perfection..	.....	Supernatural Book...	.....	Christian Perfection...
Stevens.....	.....	Harmon.....	Harmon ..	.....	Butler's Analogy.....	.....
Youngman....	Christ. Experience	Syllabi.....	.....	Exegesis.....	Exegesis.....	Christian Experience.
Hall.....	Syllabi, Discipline	.....	Sermon and Essay.....	History of Christian } Church.....	Christian Church....	Christian Church..... Bible History.....
Swickard.....	Literature.....	Sermon and Essay	Logic .....	.....	Ency. and Methodol...	.....
Janes.....	English Branches.	.....	Discipline.....	Syllabi.....	Christian Evidence....	Discipline.....
Nicholls.....	Catechism.....	Exegesis.....	Exegesis.....	.....	Sermon and Essay..	Raymond, Theology...
Hopkins.....	Am. Methodism...	Rhetoric.....	.....	Sermon and Essay....	Syllabi.....	Plan of Salvation..... Rhetoric..... History of Methodism.
Deeble.....	Script. History...	.....	Syllabi .....	.....	Prep. of Sermons....	Gospel Records..... Sermon and Essay.... Report on Books Read
Mid-Year Ex- aminations. {	English Branches. American History. Life of Wesley..... Catechism.....	Extem. Preach.... Miley..... Rhetoric..... Harmon.....	Miley..... Logic..... Harmon.....	Supernatural Book... Exegesis..... Hermeneutics.....	Analogy..... Christian Evidence... Prepa't'n of Sermons.. Sermon and Essay.....	Baptism..... Methodist Law..... History of Methodism.

NOTE.—Examinations will be conducted only by the regular Examiners; questions will not be sent out to other parties. (See discipline). All Mid-Year Examinations should be taken at the stated time and place. All Examinations must be completed by the evening of the first day of the Conference session.—Note Sections 10 and 11.

*Thirty-five years is the age limit for admission.

W. H. JORDAN, Chairman.

REPORT ON COLLEGE DEBT.

The general condition of payment was four equal installments annually, beginning January 1, 1898.

The following subscribed \$100 and have paid \$25.

S. E. Morris,	Louisa Potter,	Byron A. Bobb,
J. P. Dibble,	A. C. Dexter,	H. F. Knight,
D. Rifenbark,	N. A. Swickard,	J. L. Bromaghim,
O. A. Phillips,	G. D. Brown,	H. S. Coon,
O. Williams,	Mrs. J. T. Morrow,	W. D. Deeble,
H. C. Clark,	Cynthia Akers,	Mrs. I. W. Seaman,
H. M. Springer,	Thomas Simmons,	W. H. Jordan,
E. P. Hall,	A. R. Boggs,	W. H. Cory,
A. P. Jones,	A. C. Stevens,	J. P. Jenkins,
G. F. Hopkins,	A. W. Thurston,	J. S. Harkness,
C. B. Clark.		

The following subscribed \$50 and have paid \$12.50:

T. J. Bliss,	Anna Simmons,	S. H. Scallin,
Carlota Moyer,	G. A. Bird,	Mrs. E. D. Maxon,
Mrs. Laurson,	W. A. Shurtleff,	W. O. Redfield,
C. E. Hager.		

The following subscribed \$25 and have paid \$6.25:

R. L. DeGolier,	L. L. Layne,	Edith and Hattie Noble,
Mrs. A. R. Boggs,	Mrs. L. P. Hauser,	Mrs. Hough,
W. F. Minty,	S. J. Watson,	W. L. Meinzer,
N. S. Wilson,	Amos Emmott,	W. S. Shepherd,
Gold & Madge Corwin,	S. A. Chappell,	M. E. Nickerson,
O. E. Brown,	John Kaye,	W. R. Cook,
N. J. Bailey.		

The following subscribed miscellaneous amounts.

	Subscribed.		Subscribed.
Alfred Fowler.....	\$100 00	F. C. McDuffee.....	\$100 00
R. B. Bevis.....	100 00	S. W. Collett	100 00
D. McLean.....	100 00	T. Sanderson.....	100 00
Mrs. Ayers.....	50 00	A. J. Lidstone.....	50 00
A. C. Bevers.....	50 00	W. I. Maughan	50 00
† W. O. Gram.....	50 00	† Bruce McVay.....	25 00
Mrs. W. R. Milham.....	25 00	† E. T. Colton.....	25 00
W. W. Havens.....	25 00	† May Farrell.....	12 50
† Maybell Cox.....	12 50	Lulu Blanchard.....	25 00
F. S. Myers.....	25 00	G. H. Parker.....	25 00
H. P. Eberhard.....	25 00	Sanford Washburn.....	10 00
Erma Crosby.....	5 00		
	Subscribed.		Subscribed.
L. A. Stout.....	\$138 60		Paid.
Mrs. T. H. Young-		Mrs. A. M. Bowdle.....	\$214 00
man.....	100 00	Brush Estate.....	500 00
Chas. H. Payne...	25 00	Lachlin Maclean..	100 00
Gordon Maclean..	25 00	W. H. Irwin.....	50 00
Frank Baker.....	25 00	E. E. Dean	25 00
F. H. Norton.....	10 00	Mr. Douthitt.....	25 00
R. B. Smith.....	20 00	Lewis Shuster.....	20 00
A. C. Shepherd...	20 00	J. Rothenberger...	10 00
† T. A. Duncan...	1375 00	† W. I. Graham...	350 00

† Payment was not due January 1, 1898.

‡ These are creditors and payment will be made when conditions are met.

W. I. GRAHAM, Treasurer.

CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARIES.

October 18th, 7:30 P. M.—The first anniversary of this conference session was that of the Church Extension Society. Rev. Thos. Sanderson was asked to preside. After prayer by Rev. W. J. Calfee, a splendid address on the Church was given by Rev. T. H. Youngman. Bishop McCabe was introduced and spoke of the work of this Society, with which he was connected for sixteen years. To the great delight of the audience, the Bishop sang in his happy manner and led the audience in singing several songs. Rev. D. Rifenbark pronounced the benediction.

October 19th, 7:30 P. M.—Rev. A. E. Carhart, Superintendent of the South Dakota Anti-Saloon League, had charge of the Temperance Anniversary. He called on Rev. C. E. Matteson to offer prayer. An enthusiastic address was delivered by Rev. C. E. Hager. Superintendent Carhart spoke of the work of the League in South Dakota. After singing "I'll Live For Him," the benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. P. Jenkins.

October 20th, 2:30 P. M.—The Anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was very interesting. Mrs. J. P. Jenkins, presided. Mrs. C. E. Matteson read Mal. III, and Mrs. A. J. Jolly offered prayer. Mrs. L. P. Hauser gave the annual address, reviewing the work of the Society in Dakota Conference for the year. Following this was an address on China by Rev. Geo. A. Smith, of the Upper Iowa Conference. Mrs. Parker, from Finland, spoke briefly. Another song and Dr. Swickard dismissed the audience.

October 20th, 7:30 P. M.—The church was crowded for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Anniversary. The presiding officer, Rev. H. S. Coon, requested the audience to sing "America," and asked Dr. Swickard to lead in prayer. He then introduced Dr. M. C. B. Mason, one of the secretaries of the Society, who delivered a most eloquent and stirring address. Every one recognized in Dr. Mason a finished scholar and orator. The Doxology was sung and Dr. Dobson pronounced the benediction.

October 21st, 2:30 P. M.—The Missionary sermon was preached by Rev. G. T. Notson of Elk Point. It was an earnest appeal for greater interest in missions, from the text Mark xvi, 15.

October 21st, 7:30 P. M.—Rev. O. H. Sproul presided Friday evening. The house was full to hear Bishop McCabe's popular lecture, "The Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison." The Bishop related with thrilling effect his experience in that famous rebel prison. The proceeds of the lecture, \$100, are to help in building a Methodist Episcopal church in Helsingfors, Finland, concerning which Mrs. Parker of that place spoke. The Bishop sang "My Mother's Beautiful Hands," and Dr. Dobson dismissed the audience.

October 22d, 7-30 P. M.—The Educational Anniversary was held in the interest of Dakota University. Rev. W. H. Jordan announced the follow-

ing speakers: Prof. E. T. Colton spoke of the religious influences of the school. Rev. W. J. Calfee commended the work of the University. Dr. C. B. Clark gave some early reminiscences connected with the institution. Dr. W. I. Graham delivered a brief address. Acceptable music was furnished by a ladies' quartette from the University. Rev. F. J. Norton pronounced the benediction.

Oct. 23d, 9:00 A. M.—The Love Feast was in charge of Father W. J. Applin. It was a most blessed season of song and prayer and testimony.

10:30 A. M.—The church was packed long before the hour for preaching arrived. Bishop McCabe preached from Isa. lv, 22. It was a most soul-stirring and helpful sermon and held the undivided attention of the large congregation. Following the sermon, W. S. Shepherd, A. C. Shepherd and R. N. Kratz were ordained Deacons by the Bishop.

2:30 P. M.—At the afternoon service Rev. Henry Witham, Presiding Elder of Fargo District, North Dakota Conference, preached a strong and eloquent sermon from Acts i:8. The Bishop then ordained as Elders, D. C. McLean, W. J. Calfee, and F. L. Bromaghim, and baptized nine children and one adult.

7:30 P. M.—The Epworth League Anniversary drew a large crowd. The ladies quartette rendered several selections and Mrs. Calfee sang a solo. The following speakers presented various phases of Epworth League work: Rev. J. Calfee, Mr. Hauser, Prof. E. T. Colton and Dr. W. H. Jordan. The addresses were of a high order of merit.

The City pulpits of Parker were occupied on Sunday as follows: A. M.—Baptist Church, Rev. W. J. Calfee; Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. H. Jordan. P. M.—Baptist Church, Rev. O. A. Phillips; Presbyterian Church, Rev. A. C. Shepherd.

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE.

DATE	PLACE	PRESIDENT	MEMBERS	SECRETARY
Sept., 1880.	Yankton.....	Bishop Warren.....	1,050	Wm McCready
Oct., 1881.	Sioux Falls.....	Bishop Hurst.....	1,366	Wm McCready
Oct., 1882.	Parker.....	Bishop Merrill.....	1,504	Wm McCready
Oct., 1883.	Huron.....	Bishop Simpson.....	2,782	D Rifenbark
Oct., 1884.	Mitchell.....	Bishop Andrews.....	4,469	D Rifenbark
Oct., 1885.	Blunt.....	Bishop Foss.....	5,209	A R Boggs
Oct., 1886.	Watertown.....	Bishop Bowman.....	6,565	A R Boggs
Oct., 1887.	Aberdeen.....	Bishop Fowler.....	8,225	A R Boggs
Oct., 1888.	Yankton.....	Bishop Walden.....	9,474	A R Boggs
Oct., 1889.	Huron.....	Bishop Vincent.....	10,526	W H Jordan
Oct., 1890.	Mitchell.....	Bishop FitzGerald..	9,663	G D Cleworth
Oct., 1891.	Sioux Falls.....	Bishop Foss.....	9,006	A W Adkinson
Oct., 1892.	Madison.....	Bishop Goodsell....	9,170	A W Adkinson
Oct., 1893.	Brookings.....	Bishop Ninde.....	9,747	G D Cleworth
Oct., 1894.	Watertown.....	Bishop Fowler.....	10,094	G D Cleworth
Oct., 1895.	Aberdeen.....	Bishop Joyce.....	9,510	C H Smith
Oct., 1896.	Vermillion.....	Bishop Vincent.....	9,335	J P Jenkins
Oct., 1897.	Mitchell.....	Bishop Warren.....	9,269	J P Jenkins
Oct., 1898.	Parker.....	Bishop McCabe.....	10,429	J P Jenkins

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY.

NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	Time of Death	Age	Years in Ministry	Conference Relations
John M Rust.....	Vermillion, Dakota.....	1871	41	15	Effective
Thomas M Williams.....	Bridgewater, Dakota.....	1882	50	24	Effective
Wm H Hoadley.....	Huron, Dakota.....	1886	51	16	Supernumerary
T S Hunt.....	Aurora, Indiana.....	1887	57	16	Effective
Wm H Affleck.....	Leeds, England.....	1887	76	..	Effective
Wm Vivian.....	San Fernando, Cal.....	1888	45	8	Supernumerary
Chas B Gilbert.....	.....	1889	..	..	Effective
Stanley S Smith.....	.....	1889	..	..	Effective
Ira A Sparks.....	Armour, South Dakota...	1894	29	9	Effective
Wm Wesley Brown.....	Thomasburg, Ontario ...	1894	32	6	Supernumerary
Geo B Dodd.....	Colman, South Dakota...	1895	36	2	Probationer

MEMOIR.

MRS. MARY C. CLARK.

Mary Cleaver was born in Greene county, Pa., September 20, 1844. She died at Deadwood, So. Dak., October 7, 1898.

She was born of christian parentage; was converted at the age of 13, and united with the M. E. Church.

In 1863, she removed with her widowed mother to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where in March 1865, she was united in marriage to Rev. C. B. Clark of the Iowa Conference.

Mrs. Clark was the mother of four children, two of whom, Hattie, aged 7, and Fred, aged 21 years, preceeded her to the home in Heaven. Two sons remain with the husband and father to mourn their irreparable loss. In all the relations of life Mrs. Clark recognized as supreme the call of conscience and of God.

Her home was her chief delight. As wife and mother, she was pre-eminently a model. No duty too severe, no sacrifice too great to secure the happiness of those whom God had given her. As a christian woman, she walked humbly before her God. His will was her own in all things. As the wife of an itinerant, she realized fully the exalted mission to which her husband had devoted his life. In the hospitality of her home, and in the various demands made upon her by the social and spiritual interests of the church, she responded gladly and with great efficiency. Possessing a liberal culture, and a singularly sound judgment in practical affairs, she was continually called upon to become a leader in Church work, avoiding publicity, always preferring others before herself. She sought by wise counsels, and loving deeds, in the Sunday school, in times of revival, and in the homes of the sorrowing to lead souls to Christ, and in every way to promote the glory of the Christ she loved.

Our sister died as she had lived, in full view of the better land. Deliberately and with her usual modesty she gave directions for her funeral service. She personally directed the distribution of her last gifts to those she loved.

During the morning of her last day on earth, she remarked to her husband. "All night long have I had communion." Calling her loved ones around her bed, she gave them one by one her last loving counsel; her servant girl who had attended her so faithfully being tenderly remembered.

As the morning wore away, frequent expressions of blessed anticipation escaped her lips. Having finished her work, she finally folded her hands across her breast, and whispered, "Now Father take me home." Her last words as she passed within the vale were, "Lord Jesus."

At her request, Dr. E. E. Clough of Deadwood held a brief service at the parsonage and Dr. W. I. Graham preached the funeral sermon at Mitchell. She sleeps beside her son in the cemetery at Mitchell. A loving and tender memorial service was held in the Church at Huron, on Sabbath evening succeeding the funeral.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT A.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

As the Holy Scriptures is the only sufficient rule, both of faith and practice, of all true Christians, we believe that every person who can read should possess a copy of the same and carefully study it. And, as it has been and is the purpose of the American Bible Society to furnish Bibles at such prices that it may be possible for every person to own a Bible of his own we most heartily commend the work done by said Society and earnestly urge all our ministers to take collections annually to assist in the grand work. Respectfully submitted,

Signed, { B. C. SILLS,
 { A. JAMIESON.

REPORT B.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION AND TRACT SOCIETY.

Inasmuch, as the religious education of the young is of vital importance to our Church and the Sunday School is one of the great agencies by which this instruction is imparted, resulting in 127,286 conversions yearly. and

WHEREAS: The *tract* is one of the great evangelizing agencies of our Church, adapted to all needs, convenient, brief and inexpensive. Therefore,

RESOLVED: That we recommend that our pastors not only take the annual collection for these societies but purchase tracts for their personal distribution and direct that all Sunday School supplies be obtained from our book concern.

WM. GREENE, Chairman.
S. H. BROWN, Secretary.

REPORT C.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

We recommend for adoption, the following Resolutions:

1. We heartily congratulate the Board of Church Extension, and the Church-at-large, on the remarkable success of this work through a period of thirty-two years.

2. That our country, being new, with rapidly increasing population and new territorial additions, will continue to need Church Extension, in the future as in the past, and that our Church by fostering and strengthening this work will increase its own power to do the larger work now thrown upon it.

3. That we, as a Conference, will not be content with anything less than a full response to the call of the General Committee for our proper share in Church Extension, until everywhere, in communities now destitute, the people shall have opportunity to "enter His courts with praise."

4. That our Presiding Elders be requested to apportion, with care, the amount asked for Church Extension, to the several Districts and pastoral charges for collection; and, that, availing ourselves of the helps provided by the Board, and especially *Christianity in Earnest and Glad Tidings*, we will present this cause in all our Churches, and endeavor to secure, at least, the amount asked, in accordance with the plan of our Discipline.

We further recommend that this Conference, through its Presiding Elders, press the matter of debt paying in every case possible that the Church Extension Society be not embarrassed for funds through our negligence.

THOS. SANDERSON, Chairman.

I. P. POTTER, Secretary.

REPORT D.

REPORT ON W. H. M. S.

Recognizing the substantial support given by the Woman's Home Missionary Society to the underpaid pastors who are laying the foundations of Christ's kingdom in new states:

RESOLVED, That we express our hearty appreciation of the service rendered by the society, and that we pledge ourselves to form auxiliaries wherever practicable.

A. EMMOTT, Chairman.

W. H. IRWIN, Sec.

REPORT E.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

WHEREAS, The experience of the most enlightened nations of the world, is that the observance of the Sabbath promotes the best intellectual, temporal and spiritual interests of man, and the stability and perpetuity of the nation. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we urge upon our people a more careful observance of the day, in pressing upon them the sanctity of it, and their obligation in keeping it holy, by refraining from all secular pursuits and worldly amusements, and by attendance upon religious duties.

A. W. THURSTON,

W. O. GRAM.

REPORT F.

FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Recognizing the great needs involved, and the heroic efforts of the General Secretaries to provide for such needs, we commend the claims of the society to the earnest consideration of the members of Dakota Conference. Although the collections for the past year are an advance of 12 per cent over the year preceeding, they still fall below other apportionments. Let every pastor rally to the call for \$1000 for this great cause for the year 1898-99. Respectfully submitted.

H. S. COON, Chairman.

JOHN KAYE, Secretary.

REPORT G.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

The liquor traffic exists solely to destroy all that Christ came to save. It is the privilege and duty of the Christian Church to so organize and wield her forces as with God's blessing to speedily and utterly overthrow this, its greatest enemy.

Of necessity the Church, and especially the Christian ministry, must in many important particulars lead the way. We urge upon all our ministers and members that with wise and judicious endeavor they seek to give attention to the following practical matters:

1. Secure and zealously spread abroad the most advanced ideas obtainable pertaining to temperance reform.
2. Maintain regular monthly Sabbath evening temperance services where possible.
3. Devote at least one Sabbath service each year, at every preaching point to the interests of the Anti Saloon League employing its representatives.
4. Endeavor to have Gospel Temperance meetings held in all available communities.
5. Practice and preach the necessity of consecration to civic duties on the part of every Christian citizen and of applying at caucuses and polls the same rule of conduct Jesus would follow if he were in our place.
6. Co-operate with all righteous reform forces in the various communities, and especially with the Anti Saloon League in its endeavor to place good men in office and to reform our laws and encourage their execution.
7. Pledge all the people old and young in accordance with the Anti Saloon League plan.
8. Since through the canteen system connected with our army the nation has been deeply disgraced, and many lives lost; and since the regimental canteen proves a constant source of temptation to our soldier boys,

RESOLVED: That we make earnest appeal to President McKinley to issue orders directing the discontinuance of this deadly system.

A. E. CARHART,
O. H. SPROUL,
E. P. HALL,
C. E. HAGER,
F. C. MacDUFFEE.

REPORT H.

EDUCATION.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on education, report as follows:

The varied interests of our Conference education work have been carefully considered. The college at Mitchell has been fully represented by President Graham. The past year was very successful. Thirty-three different counties within the bounds of the Conference were represented, showing an increase in the territory in the patronage of the institution. The enrollment for 1897-98 was 264, an increase of 38.

There is good reason for congratulation that the financial statement shows that all bills for the fiscal year have been met and a balance of \$3.56 on hand, a small balance, but it means economy and careful management to achieve such a result.

The present faculty consists of thirteen professors and instructors. All teachers in the regular departments are college graduates. They are very capable and successful teachers. Additions have been made to the teaching force for the present year that will gradually strengthen the claims of the college to the confidence and patronage legitimately belonging to it. The demand for this move was imperative and it means increased expenditure. The intelligence has already gone to every charge in the Conference, announcing the auspicious opening for the new year. The enrollment is already 210, making 54 in advance of report to last Conference session. There is an increase in advanced students and in the number taking regular courses. More graduates from high schools than usual have entered. The standing and recognition of the college have never been so favorable as now. For two years in succession the first honors in oratorical contest with other colleges have been taken. Increased prosperity threatens to become an embarrassment. The best possible arguments for enlarging facilities is the inadequacy of present facilities. Such an emergency is near at hand. The problem of a new building confronts us. The present building fails to meet the demands along some lines. More dormitory room is needed for young ladies. The special departments need better and larger rooms. Literary societies should be furnished better apartments. The Christian associations need special quarters. Library and reading room will soon need enlarging. What can be done? This serious question clamors for an answer. We are all interested, our own children, those of our people, must be furnished suitable advantages for the needed education. Is it not time to "rise and build?" In the midst of the centuries may we not project some scheme to meet this felt want?

The President calls our attention to what seems a great need for the future growth of the college. The families throughout the patronizing territory need full and frequent information concerning our school. It is suggested that an organ could be issued as the joint interest of the Conference and University—serving as a newspaper for both.

The financial statement is submitted:

RECEIPTS JULY 1, 1897 TO JUNE 30, 1898.

From Tuition and Room Rent.....	\$5505 28
From Bills Receivable.....	416 86
From Educational Collection.....	1444 68
From Miscellaneous.....	1115 28—\$8482 10

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1898-'99.

Salaries	\$7000 00
Fuel and Lights.....	900 00
General Expenses.....	1500 00—\$9400 00

ESTIMATED RESOURCES FOR 1898-'99.

From Tuition and room rent.....	\$6000 00
From Bills Receivable.....	400 00
From Miscellaneous.....	1000 00
From Education Collection.....	3000 00—\$10400 00

COLLEGE DEBT.

Indebtedness October 16, 1897.....	\$6910 00
Indebtedness October 16, 1898.....	4816 00
Decrease.....	\$2094 00

The above report is quite encouraging, but we must not fail to note the debt still unpaid. Some few have failed to meet the payments due last January. Were the money available large concessions by creditors could be secured.

1. An apportionment to the Conference for the University, \$3000.
 2. For Board of Members, Class 1903: T. H. Youngman, T. E. Blanchard, J. O. Dobson and Nathan Noble.
 3. Visiting Committee to University: W. B. Redburn, A. P. Janes, F. T. Nicholls, J. B. Dibble and Amos Emmott.
- Visiting Committee to Garratt Biblical Institute: A. C. Stevens and G. F. Hopkins.

Iliff School of Theology: J. O. Dobson and W. H. Jordan.

WHEREAS, We appreciate the importance and the value of the Board of Education which is so efficiently aiding our young people to secure an education.

RESOLVED, That we urge upon the members of this Conference the most faithful observance of Children's Day.

RESOLVED, That we extend to Dr. Graham and the able faculty of which he is the honorable president our gratitude for their faithful and efficient service, and also to the executive board by whose cheerful co-operation with the president, such happy results have been attained; and we hereby pledge to them our confidence and our continued efforts to increase the collections and also the attendance of students.

WHEREAS, The subject of higher education is being emphasized in our church, by the laity as by the clergy.

RESOLVED, That we commend to the young men of the Conference the excellent theological schools of the church.

W. H. JORDAN, Chairman,
A. C. STEVENS, Sec.

REPORT I.

ASBURY HOSPITAL.

Your Committee on Asbury Hospital, recognizing the providence of God in the removal by death of our friend and brother, Rev E. S. Pilling, financial agent for that institution, hereby express our sympathy for the bereaved family of our departed brother, and, also for the Hospital in the loss they have sustained. We are deeply interested in the great work of that institution, in its efforts to cure the ill and relieve the sufferings of humanity, and the special attention which it gives to those who live outside the city and have no hospital privileges. During the year just closed it has treated 654 patients, one third charity; 2500 dispensary cases, all charity; 486 ambulance calls, nearly all charity. With these facts before us, your committee urges every pastor of Dakota Conference to welcome to our Churches Mrs. Ida L. McCoy, the newly appointed financial agent of the institution, and take a collection. We also commend Asbury Hospital to those persons within our bounds who may be in need of medical or surgical treatment

W. F. MINTY, Chairman.

REPORT J.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has examined the Presiding Elders' accounts and finds them correct.

WM. UNDERWOOD, Chairman.
W. O. REDFIELD, Secretary.

REPORT K.

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE TO DAKOTA UNIVERSITY.

We, your visiting committee, submit the following report:

After visiting our college at Mitchell and observing its work in its various departments and class-rooms, we wish without reservation to commend the administration of President Graham, recognized as one of the ablest educators in the state, and to congratulate the Church upon the efficient faculty, strengthened during the past year, working with the president in every interest of the college.

We desire also to mention our satisfaction in noting the thoroughness, practicability, and correctness characterizing the class-room work.

Then, further, it is with peculiar gratification that we call attention to the religious atmosphere of the institution. There is a strong inducement to religious life among the students, fostered and directed by the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., that is a potent factor in the college life. With gratitude be it recorded that every member of the last graduating class from the college course was an active Christian.

In closing, we wish to congratulate the college upon its broader recognition, manifest in its increased attendance, and to thank the patrons for their loyal interest and support, and to assure all concerned that Dakota University is worthy the high place now ascribed to her, and every confidence of the people.

THOS. SANDERSON, Chairman.

F. J. NORTON, Secretary.

REPORT L.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

The founder of Methodism was unceasingly diligent in providing literature for the edification of the head, the enlivening of the heart and the directing of the life of those who were led to God by his ministry.

We glory in our great publishing house, and are glad when we read its annual report, showing an ever increasing activity and profit for the relief of those who have worn themselves out in a life sacrificing effort to spread scriptural holiness over the land.

Your committee at different times during the last year, has taken pains to read or glance through every department of the N. W. C. A. and the more we have read, the more we have wished that this paper was in every home of the Church and read by every member.

We cannot imagine anything more timely and praise worthy, than many of its editorials during the last six months on the great issues of the nation.

The introduction and ever growing number of illustrations, also, is a very hopeful sign, and certainly, with the other commendable improvements, justify the management in expecting that the number of subscribers will be increased. In our opinion, no where else can the people find so much entertaining and profitable reading as they can find in the N. W. C. A. and the Epworth Herald for a like price, and we commend these papers to all who desire to attain unto a knowledge of our polity, true inwardness, purpose and activity.

T. H. YOUNGMAN,
W. B. REDBURN.

REPORT M.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WHEREAS: The above named society is one of the agencies used of God for the evangelization of the world, and believing it to be helpful to the home churches thus to give and work, we ask all our ministers to render their assistance in making the society more effective for good. Hence be it

RESOLVED: That we endeavor as pastors to persuade the women of our churches to organize themselves into auxiliaries, which we recognize as one of the best means for their own development, and the advancement of the missionary cause.

RESOLVED: That we will welcome to our charges the conference and district secretaries of this society, and do our best to prepare our people for their coming.

RESOLVED: That we recommend the Children's Missionary Friend as a valuable paper for use in Junior Leagues and Sunday School Missionary Societies. Respectfully submitted.

Committee, { JOHN KAYE,
 { LOUIS L. LANE.

REPORT O.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

"We love thy Kingdom Lord," because of the marvelous achievements of the church of God in the world. We speak of the work of our own church with pardonable pride. The vast amount of money now being expended in the evangelization of the world has never before been equaled in the history of our church. The number choosing the M. E. Church as their spiritual home increases with every year, not-with-standing her high requirements.

The mission of the church is moral and spiritual. Even the material wheels like Ezekiel's must have in them the spirit of the living God.

The great problems, social, economic and political, demand the attention of the church. Their solution is freely to be found at the altars of our God. Do we fail? Yes. The material interests so often engross our attention, we are so occupied with reforms and our own selfish interests that the precious interests of Gods visible kingdom suffer defeat or compromise. We have no time, still less the disposition for holy meditation, fervent prayer, diligent attention to public worship, and the specific evangelization of our church is neglected and passed by as undesirable and not necessary.

HOW TO SUCCEED.

We exhort the people to return to the old paths, to rebuild the family altar, to restore the prestige of the class meeting, to recognize the importance of specific altar work, and public testimony. We humbly implore the baptism of the Holy Ghost to enable us to make our ministry this year more efficient in the perfecting of saints and the conversion of men.

G. J. CORWIN.

REPORT P.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

Your committee on Conference claimants beg leave to submit the following report.

Amount received from book concern.....	\$ 417.00
Chartered fund.....	22.00
Conference collections.....	781.35
Bills receivable.....	50.00
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	\$1270.00

Disbursed as follows:

D. W. Chamberlain.....	\$ 100.00
Wm. Underwood.....	66.00
Mrs. Hoadley.....	66.00
T. H. Walker.....	100.00
T. Wilkinson.....	90.00
Lewis Hartsough.....	240.00
T. H. Curl.....	132.00
S. F. Brown.....	132.00
F. A. Burdick.....	76.00
Sanford Washburn.....	190.00
A. R. Boggs.....	78.00
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	\$1270.00
Cash on hand.....	.35
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	\$1270.35

Report amended so that the interest now due this fund be added to the allowance of Rev. Boggs.

REPORT Q.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, respectfully submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The past year has been one of progress and advancement in many respects,

RESOLVED, That we record our thanks to the great Head of the Church for His mercies and for whatever of success has attended our labors. And be it further

RESOLVED, That the presence of our beloved Bishop, C. C. McCabe, his sincere sympathy, unfailing courtesy, wise counsels and inspiring addresses and lecture move us to renewed consecration and increased zeal.

RESOLVED, That we tender to the secretaries and treasurer of the Conference and their assistants our hearty thanks for their faithful and devoted service.

RESOLVED, That we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the people of Parker for their cordial reception and generous entertainment of the Conference; and to the pastor of the church and the local committee for their untiring efforts for our temporal welfare.

WHEREAS, The war of the U. S. with Spain, under our peerless president, Wm. McKinley, has so successfully terminated, and commissioners are now arranging terms of equity between these two nations, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we believe that the great interests of humanity and the claims of pure Christianity demand that when our army and navy have planted our National flag, there it should remain as the assurance of liberated manhood and religious freedom. And we rejoice that our presiding Bishop, C. C. McCabe, by his act in sending a missionary to the Philippine Islands has emphasized Wesley's declaration that "The world is my parish."

A. JAMIESON, Chr.

O. WILLIAMS.

REPORT S.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WHEREAS: It is found that this Conference has a fund of \$1500 which is composed very largely of monies not raised from the people, for the support of superannuated preachers, but from the dividends of the book concern when there were no superannuates, and from annual payments of \$5 by the pastors, and,

WHEREAS: It is only a difference of method, whether the principal or the interest of this sum be annually used, be it

RESOLVED: That the incoming trustees of the incorporated Conference, be requested to loan this money on good security, and that it be, and is hereby constituted a permanent fund. And

RESOLVED: Second, that we will use due diligence, in requesting our members to remember this fund and increase by bequests in their last will and testament.

T. H. YOUNGMAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Your committee has examined the Treasurer's books and found them correct and kept in business shape.

T. H. YOUNGMAN,

W. H. CORY,

A. J. JOLLY.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The result of the year's work is encouraging, and shows steady growth. Every district has advanced in membership and money. Aberdeen district has a new auxiliary at Britton and new Bands at Britton and Claremont. Mitchell district has new auxiliaries at Alexandria, Plankinton and Kimball; a "Phebe Rowe" society at Mitchell, and Bands at Plankinton and Mt. Vernon. Watertown district has a new auxiliary at Big Stone, and new Bands at Big Stone and Henry. Three districts held meetings this year, Mitchell, Sioux Falls and Watertown, the latter at Big Stone campmeeting. There are in the Conference 29 auxiliaries with 476 members; 2 Y. W. societies with 27 members, and 13 Bands with 448 members.

District secretaries for the coming year are as follows:

Aberdeen—Report to Conference Secretary.

Huron—Mrs. E. A. Mouser, Huron.

Mitchell—Mrs. R. B. Hager, Mitchell.

Sioux Falls—Mrs. H. W. Jenkins, Vermillion.

Watertown—Mrs. D. Rifenbark, Watertown.

The financial year of the W. F. M. S. always closes October 1. This accounts for differences which may be found between the report of Branch Treasurer, which is given here, and the figures found in tables of the minutes, as any money brought to Conference by the pastors is added to the latter but not to the former. The only way to correct this is for all auxiliary treasurers to be sure to collect and forward all money to Branch Treasurer before Sept. 30.

An auxiliary was formed at Deadwood, and there being no other in the Black Hills Conference, the Branch Treasurer set it down as belonging to Watertown district.

Our apportionment was \$1050.00 and it is a matter for much rejoicing that we have not only reached it, but gone beyond it. For the coming year we are expected to raise \$1100.00.

Branch Treasurer's report is as follows:

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Aberdeen.....	\$ 90 05	Detroit.....	\$ 14 75
Aberdeen Band.....	26 10	Mound City.....	5 00
Britton.....	21 28	Ordway.....	1 45
Bangor.....	3 00	Prairieville.....	9 50
Claremont.....	11 74	Warner.....	18 27
Total.....	\$201.14.		

HURON DISTRICT.

Broadland.....	\$ 2 00	Huron.....	\$ 49 85
Gettysburg.....	50	Redfield.....	11 50
Hitchcock.....	19 75	Redfield J. L.....	5 80
Total.....	\$ 88.40.		

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Alexandria.....	\$ 7 25	Parkston.....	\$ 5 00
Mitchell.....	77 25	Plankinton.....	1 00
Mitchell Y. W.....	3 00	Woonsocket.....	7 50
Mt. Vernon.....	2 00		
Total.....	\$103.00.		

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

Canton.....	\$ 17 50	Meckling.....	\$ 1 75
Canton Band.....	10 00	Parker.....	55 20
Centerville.....	13 75	Sioux Falls.....	63 10
Elk Point.....	18 25	Sioux Falls Y. W.....	31 40
Flandreau.....	16 85	Vermillion.....	47 54
Lennox.....	22 15	Vermillion Y. P.....	17 40
Lennox Band.....	12 50	Vermillion Band.....	1 50
Madison.....	108 15	Yankton.....	2 50
Total.....	\$439.54.		

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Arlington.....	\$ 27 75	Deadwood.....	\$ 11 75
Brookings.....	14 35	Garden City.....	1 00
Brookings Band.....	24 25	Milbank.....	1 25
Big Stone City.....	5 00	Henry Band.....	11 00
Big Stone City J. L.....	2 50	Watertown.....	142 33
Total.....	\$246.18.		

Conference Miscellaneous...\$ 15.15

Conference Total..... 1094.41

At Conference the following was received:

Alcester.....	\$ 2 00	Canton.....	\$ 10 00
Dell Rapids.....	1 00	Edgerton.....	1 00
Fulton.....	1 00	Kimball.....	4 00
Kampeska.....	1 00	Ordway.....	1 00
Plankinton.....	1 00	Scotland.....	1 00

L. P. HAUSER,

Conference Sec.,

Aberdeen, S. D.

EPWORTH LEAGUE OFFICERS.

CONFERENCE CABINET

President—W. J. Calfee, Huron.
 Vice President—J. P. Hauser, Mitchell.
 Vice President, Aberdeen District—Mr. Frank R. Brokaw, Claremont.
 Vice President, Huron District—Jessie Winslow.
 Vice President, Mitchell District—Miss Carlota Moyer, Mitchell.
 Vice President, Sioux Falls District—S. H. Shurtleff, Parker.
 Vice President, Watertown District—H. M. Palmer, White.
 Recording Secretary—Miss Carlota Moyer, Mitchell.
 Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. S. A. Chappell, Wessington Springs.
 Treasurer—Mr. S. E. Morris, Redfield.
 Superintendent Junion League—Mrs. J. O. Dobson, Sioux Falls.

DISTRICT CABINETS.

ABERDEEN.

President—Frank R. Brokaw, Claremont.
 First Vice President—P. E. Greene, Ashton.
 Second Vice President—Miss Mary Minty, Woonsocket.
 Third Vice President—Viola Snell, Groton.
 Fourth Vice President—Mrs. Thomas Sanderson, Groton.
 Secretary—Miss Mae Thomson, Claremont.
 Treasurer—Fay H. McDonough, Aberdeen.
 Superintendent Junior League, Ariel M. Swickard, Aberdeen.

HURON.

President—Miss Jessie M. Winslow, Alpena.
 Vice President—Miss Edna Peterson, Wessington.
 Secretary—Victoria O'Laughlin, Redfield.
 Treasurer—Miss Anna Hanebuth, Wessington Springs.
 Superintendent Junior League—Rev. Frank Baker, Iroquois.

MITCHELL.

President—Carlota A. Moyer, Mitchell.
 First Vice President—Rev. W. S. Shepherd, Salem.

Second Vice President—J. M. Devers, Tyndall.
Third Vice President—Mr. Lukens, Farwell.
Fourth Vice President—Mr. Frank, Woonsocket.
Recording Secretary—Gertrude McEwen, Mt. Vernon.
Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer—June Connor, Mitchell.

SIOUX FALLS.

President—S. H. Shurtleff, Parker.
First Vice President—George W. Harris, Yankton.
Second Vice President—Miss Laura Spear, Dell Rapids.
Third Vice President—Daniel French, Elk Point.
Fourth Vice President—Roy Sherwood, Sioux Falls.
Secretary—Miss Bertha South, Canton.
Treasurer—Mrs. George Moore, Egan.
Junior League Superintendent—Mrs. J. O. Dobson, Sioux Falls.

WATERTOWN.

President—H. M. Palmer, White.
First Vice President—Miss Lilly Monty, Watertown.
Second Vice President—Charles Hedger, Brookings.
Third Vice President—Thomas Skells, Henry.
Fourth Vice President—Mrs. L. L. Lane, Sisseton.
Fifth Vice President—H. J. Keller, Milbank.
Secretary—Susan M. Springer, Watertown.
Treasurer—Margaret Selleck, Watertown.
Junior League Superintendent—Mrs. C. C. Maxwell, Arlington.

NAME OF CHARGE.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				BAP- TISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						CHURCH PROPERTY.						EPWORTH LEAGUE.				
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Aberdeen.....	21	203	1	5	2	7	1	30	300	207	30	100	1	\$ 9000	1	\$ 1000	\$ 75	\$ 75	300	1	61	1	60
Andover.....	14	46	2	2	16	1	8	25	20	7	12	2	1700	400	1	35
Ashton.....	3	43	1	2	16	130	75	13	38	2	2500	840	1	22
Bath, Columbia, Putney.	15	110	2	3	21	123	100	21	50	3	4000	1	600	85	675	1	40	1	25
Bangor.....	2	54	1	4	2	13	100	75	10	19	1	750	1	200	710	10	40	1	41	1	35
Bowdle.....	2	28	2	2	17	80	60	9	23	2	1500	80	100	127
Britton.....	9	79	1	1	2	2	19	132	90	13	15	1	1000	134	120	1	52	1	30
Claremont.....	7	60	1	1	2	15	90	65	13	44	2	4000	633	1	31
Conde.....	6	48	1	1	4	1	12	66	48	10	1	1500	1	600	1023	1	50
DeVoe.....	11	47	1	4	2	16	75	55	15	1	800	1	600	150
Doland.....	30	90	3	22	155	110	17	15	2	2500	1	400	1	44
Frederick.....	5	51	1	5	3	20	130	78	15	21	3	4000	222	313	2	45
Groton.....	4	59	1	2	9	1	10	85	60	6	1	3500	100	1	35
Hecla.....	1	50	2	12	75	35	10	1	250	50	60
Leola.....	5	26	4	2	1	9	25	30	3	1	1450	6	590
Langford.....	10	25	6	4	1	13	50	40	10	1	1500	1	700	50	250
Mound City.....	1	55	1	3	4	2	13	70	65	12	15	1	1800	1	775	1550	250	1	20
Northville.....	10	105	1	2	3	25	193	100	20	2	3000	1	500	100	325	500	3	80	1	16
Warner.....	4	90	1	3	12	4	34	110	80	24	33	2	2300	240	294	24	2	37
Total.....	160	1260	7	15	30	71	38	325	2016	1388	258	385	29	\$46800	10	\$ 5625	\$ 5093	\$ 1246	\$4162	18	588	5	177

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Alpena	17	143	1	1	6	6	3	26	202	127	23	100	2	\$ 2100	1	\$ 700	\$ 386	\$ 50	\$ 165	2	67	2	50
Blunt	4	40	3	2	1	9	41	39	6	14	1	2500	2200	1	27
Burdette	10	61	1	3	16	75	60	15	40	1	600	18	37	...	2	45
Cavour	48	83	...	1	14	45	4	29	159	125	29	100	3	2400	1375	3	50
DeSmet	10	70	2	1	10	8	53	53	10	38	1	2300	1	800	121	...	350	1	38	1	28
Faulton	12	96	10	7	2	20	160	80	19	120	2	5000	175	300	1200	2	40	1	30
Forest City	12	22	1	3	3	12	105	85	6	30
Gettysburg	70	1	7	4	32	179	128	20	...	1	400	1	550	236	...	519	1	15
Highmore	3	41	1	3	7	4	3	14	65	50	14	35	3	1200	1	350	15	...	450	1	25
Hitchcock	11	130	1	1	8	2	4	30	170	140	27	80	2	2500	1	400	125	...	464	3	63	1	17
Huron	24	224	2	...	26	12	1	27	178	130	26	75	1	10000	1	1000	854	...	1600	1	60	1	80
Iroquois	5	59	5	2	2	20	98	73	16	28	2	1500	1	500	55	100	...	1	13	1	28
Miller and St. Lawrence	56	...	1	2	10	2	15	90	60	12	37	2	2500	1	300	...	200	500	2	45	1	49
Oneida	3	88	1	...	2	2	2	8	60	50	8	30	1	900	100
Pierre and East Pierre	2	108	2	...	2	20	145	114	20	60	2	5000	900	1	36	1	34
Redfield	2	84	7	2	1	14	140	100	13	40	1	1800	1	1200	375	...	300	1	55	1	42
Wessington Springs	7	100	1	3	1	6	2	24	135	110	24	90	1	1200	1	800	85	...	122	1	42	1	35
Wessington	4	60	1	1	7	2	11	170	70	70	9	64	1	800	65	150	100	1	43	1	20
Winthrop	6	187	1	...	2	...	5	35	167	105	35	87	3	70
Wolsey	11	46	1	2	3	13	2	7	65	50	7	18	1	800	1	100	750
Total	191	1668	13	16	96	134	49	379	2481	1749	339	1086	28	\$43500	11	\$ 6600	\$ 3985	\$ 937	\$10295	26	707	13	438

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Alexandria.....	44	136	1	6	35	2	14	120	80	14	1	\$ 1000	\$	\$	\$	\$	2	30
Armour and Delmont.....	6	95	2	17	125	100	12	1	2000
Artesian and Letcher.....	6	70	3	25	140	110	20	70	2	3500	1700	500	2	83	1	25
Canistota.....	12	108	2	3	1	3	23	140	90	23	120	3	4200	25	1000	1	21
Castalia and La Roche..	4	67	1	2	1	1	6	85	70	6	22	2	2500	265	1	20
Edgerton.....	7	64	1	11	4	31	150	120	26	71	1	500	1	200	50	1	50
Fulton.....	16	97	2	1	2	4	33	138	138	32	70	1	1400	1	400	12	100	1	25
Howard and Carthage.....	3	70	1	3	2	18	125	80	14	35	3	6000	1	500	185	496	1	35	1	30
Kimball and Pukwana.....	11	62	10	13	2	15	75	60	15	18	1	2000	1	800	50	161	560	1	40	1	30
Mitchell.....	29	306	2	6	12	1	30	275	160	30	200	1	5000	1	1000	25	1044	1	103	1	60
Mt. Vernon and Ethan..	4	100	1	12	2	4	41	179	112	40	98	2	3900	1	500	126	102	1462	1	24
Parkston and Tripp.....	109	1	7	12	4	24	120	90	20	2	2200	550	100	450	1	37
Plankinton.....	5	68	2	1	14	130	90	12	35	1	2500	50	1	35	1	40
Salem.....	2	73	2	6	2	20	140	100	12	25	1	2500	1	500	10	278
Scotland.....	54	2	1	10	50	40	8	20	1	3000	1	1400	32	72	400	1	32	1	20
Tyndall and Springfield..	6	111	2	1	2	3	23	174	100	20	45	4	3800	1	700	121	1435	1	76
White Lake.....	4	68	1	1	15	4	3	20	170	87	20	59	1	1000	1700	1	12
Woonsocket.....	25	105	3	14	1	13	140	71	13	35	1	1800	1	1400	100	1200	1	45	1	40
Total.....	184	1763	6	11	71	127	45	377	2476	1698	337	923	29	\$48300	10	\$ 7400	\$ 3041	\$ 738	\$10602	18	658	7	245

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Alcester.....	25	82	1	2	13	1	14	90	56	9	50	2	3200	1	\$ 1000	75	\$ 235	\$ 565	1	40	1	20
Beresford.....	14	127	6	7	1	12	60	50	12	25	1	1800	1	800	40	216	250	2	88	1	35
Canton.....	10	240	2	8	17	3	30	260	165	29	1	5000	1	1000	60	2	75	1	30
Centerville.....	7	85	1	1	1	2	13	170	125	11	60	2	3500	1	1000	500	140	2	60	1	65
Dell Rapids.....	3	102	2	1	1	2	19	94	65	14	1	1200	1	1000	25	1	30
East Sioux Falls.....	3	90	1	8	1	5	34	196	157	32	2	2700	100	500	2	45	1	30
Egan and Coleman.....	34	105	2	18	3	33	194	152	20	100	2	3500	1	500	25	220	3	145	1	35
Elk Point.....	5	102	1	2	4	1	12	106	67	12	40	2	5000	1	1500	1400	32	750	1	55	1	32
Flandreau.....	14	90	1	2	11	3	25	194	140	21	50	1	4500	1	1700	1350	200	1500	2	105	1	50
Flandreau Circuit.....	6	29	2	6	3	1	9	60	40	7	1	20	1	15
Gayville.....	19	113	2	1	8	5	5	32	140	96	25	62	4	4700	2	1100	1000	1250	1	25
Hartford and Prospect..	18	88	2	2	4	31	275	152	26	2	3200	2	900	253	215	2	79
Hudson.....	6	94	1	3	5	2	24	127	24	2	4500	30	222	205	1	20
Hurley.....	30	60	17	3	3	15	90	65	14	2	2500	1	400	600	1	37	1	30
Lennox.....	5	99	3	5	3	2	23	150	95	20	7	1	1200	1	500	170	1	40
Madison.....	23	171	1	3	1	1	21	165	121	18	75	1	3200	1	1500	20	880	1	40	1	35
Montrose.....	11	68	1	2	5	1	7	38	30	7	15	1	2000	48	21	650	1	20
Parker.....	17	143	1	2	2	27	210	150	20	50	2	6000	1	1500	3675	1200	1	45	1	50
Sioux Falls First Church	40	268	1	3	13	1	27	235	165	125	1	12000	1	5000	225	200	2000	1	71	1	60
Sioux Falls Jordan Church	5	66	1	2	2	20	150	85	20	2	4000	1665	1	23
Vermillion.....	18	295	2	1	11	1	26	178	134	26	73	1	7500	1	2500	50	1055	1100	1	53	1	65
Wakonda.....	5	65	2	2	2	3	28	132	94	3	2300	16	180	210	2	60	1	12
Yankton.....	5	115	1	2	1	21	150	85	21	33	1	4000	1	2000	40	351	1415	1	56	1	35
Total.....	323	2697	13	31	59	142	50	503	3459	2284	519	640	37	\$77300	19	\$23900	\$ 8849	\$ 2975	\$13775	31	1242	17	619

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Arlington.....	5	102	1	2	9	2	23	135	110	25	1	\$ 2000	1	\$ 1000	\$ 75	\$ 300	1	45	1	28	
Big Stone City.....	10	79	1	13	14	1	14	135	90	14	50	1	2000	50	\$ 400	1	35	1	35	
Bradley	7	71	1	4	2	2	20	100	80	20	50	1	1250	1	500	30	100	1	18	1	18	
Bristol	15	55	9	2	2	15	70	60	10	1	2000	25	2	60	1	25	
Brookings.....	4	130	1	4	1	14	140	100	70	1	3000	1	1200	2	513	1	58	1	20	
Castlewood.....	9	53	13	21	1	11	55	48	9	1	1500	1050	1	28	
Clark	70	1	1	1	12	75	1	2000	1	40	
Clear Lake.....	55	12	3	1	10	60	44	11	20	1	1200	25	1	27	
Elkton.....	3	99	1	2	2	28	109	78	14	34	2	2300	50	
Garden City.....	82	2	1	2	19	85	45	17	25	1	800	40	250	
Gary	3	55	1	13	30	1	2000	1	500	20	800	1	54	
Hazel.....	11	55	1	3	3	2	20	102	80	18	2	1800	600	50	1	23	1	30
Henry	17	60	1	1	27	11	1	11	85	65	11	1	1500	1	500	1	23	1	30	
Kampeska.....	4	27	1	1	1000	1	200	
Lake Preston.....	8	20	1	1	10	62	5	12	1	1300	1	500	5	1	34	
Milbank.....	10	94	1	1	1	25	180	135	18	45	1	10000	1	700	65	650	400	1	49	1	45	
Sisseton	2	32	5	2	1	7	50	50	7	20	1	1500	900	600	1	22	1	25	
Summit.....	1	25	3	1	1	4	44	29	2	8	
Twin Brooks.....	10	32	2	2	18	105	60	24	20	3	3500	103	500	1	34	
Watertown.....	28	233	2	1	2	15	1	24	185	119	68	2	12000	1	2000	35	500	1750	1	50	
Waubay.....	7	31	2	14	70	50	12	15	1	22	
Webster.....	20	69	2	1	2	12	90	75	12	32	1	2500	100	280	1	21	
White	22	223	2	7	24	2	23	200	125	23	2	3000	1	800	25	700	2	80	2	60	
Willow Lakes.....	69	2	15	58	41	2	2600	1	800	307	
Wilmot.....	6	97	1	3	5	7	2	16	110	81	10	69	2	3800	1	700	1500	300	1	32	
White Rock.....	8	46	1	10	12	1	6	35	25	4	15	
Total.....	210	1964	15	12	124	128	37	384	2370	1590	329	485	31	\$64550	12	\$ 9400	\$ 2158	\$ 4299	\$ 6813	21	432	9	336	

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S REPORT.							SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops	Conference Claimants	CURRENT EX- PENSES.	
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies	Amount Appor- tioned	Amount Paid	Amount Appor- tioned	Amount Paid			Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total									
Aberdeen.....	N. A. Swickard....	\$ 1200	\$ 150	\$ 1350	\$ 1200	\$ 150	\$ 1350	\$..	\$ 139	\$ 139	\$ 17	\$ 7	\$ 1496	\$ 26	\$ 340	\$ 80
Andover.....	J. E. Watson	400	.....	400	367	.....	367	33	36	36	5	4	407	5	28	13
Ashton.....	T. E. Green.....	420	.....	420	420	.....	420	.....	36	27	4	4	451	2	35	36
Bath, Columbia, Putney...	W. D. Deeble.....	740	60	800	715	60	775	25	50	50	.....	2	827	12	85	75
Bangor.....	H. F. Hitch.....	400	50	450	353	50	403	47	36	27	3	2	432	3	35	24
Bowdle.....	F. E. Brown.....	250	.....	250	250	.....	250	.....	32	32	3	3	285	3	40	34
Britton.....	W. F. Minty.....	550	.....	550	521	.....	521	29	50	36	.....	3	560	15	50	60
Claremont.....	A. Emmott.....	550	.....	550	550	.....	550	.....	30	30	.....	6	583	9	68	49
Conde.....	G. C. Giffin.....	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	44	44	6	6	600	5	55	25
DeVoe.....	R. L. DeGolier....	400	.....	400	333	.....	333	67	40	33	5	3	369	6	10	32
Doland.....	W. R. Cook.....	600	75	675	550	75	625	50	36	36	6	5	666	11	150	80
Frederick.....	A. McCulloch.....	500	.....	500	455	.....	455	45	44	44	5	5	504	5	53	43
Groton.....	F. C. McDuffee....	650	.....	650	650	.....	650	...	40	40	7	3	693	10	100	40
Hecla.....	P. S. Ingersoll....	300	.....	300	300	.....	300	...	32	32	4	3	335	1	10	20
Leola.....	J. G. Gumey.....	.....	.....	.....	113	.....	113	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	123	.....	.....	3
Langford.....	N. J. Alpin.....	.....	.....	.....	58	.....	58	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	61	.....	.....	.....
Mound City.....	F. Fox.....	400	120	.....	520	410	530	.....	40	40	5	5	575	5	78	35
Northville.....	Thos. Sanderson...	600	60	660	600	60	660	.....	56	56	.....	3	719	2	65	70
Warner.....	F. L. Bromaghin...	450	450	339	339	111	40	40	5	379	7	32	37
Total	\$ 8910	\$ 565	\$ 9475	\$ 8684	\$ 565	\$ 9249	\$ 407	\$ 781	\$ 755	\$ 75	\$ 61	\$ 10065	\$ 128	\$ 1234	\$ 756

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		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies	Amount Appor- tioned	Amount Paid	Amount Appor- tioned	Amount Paid			Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total									
Alpena	H. S. Coon	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 600	\$ 450	\$ 100	\$ 550	\$ 50	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 6	\$ 6	\$ 636	\$ 10	\$ 60	\$ 58
Blunt	Arthur McFarlane	415	30	445	425	30	455	.....	28	28	4	4	487	2	33	27
Burdette	W. E. Hartung	300	.....	300	320	.....	320	.....	35	35	4	4	359	6	20	35
Cavour	F. J. Long	295	.....	295	295	.....	295	.....	40	42	3	3	340	2	62	71
DeSmet	W. H. Corry	450	100	550	450	100	550	.....	51	51	5	5	606	5	110	55
Faulkton	G. D. Brown	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	41	41	5	3	544	7	100	20
Forest City	M. Ash	260	.....	260	203	.....	203	57	17	28	2	2	233	2	10	18
Gettysburg	D. Barker	420	60	480	420	60	480	.....	40	40	5	5	525	4	100	93
Highmore	A. W. Thurston	300	75	375	325	75	400	.....	32	32	4	4	436	2	38	35
Hitchcock	E. E. Dean	450	50	500	450	50	500	.....	65	65	6	6	571	9	17	38
Huron	W. J. Calfee	1150	100	1250	1150	100	1250	.....	110	110	18	18	1378	25	473	100
Iroquois	Frank Baker	380	.....	380	380	.....	380	.....	28	28	4	2	410	3	50	32
Miller and St. Lawrence	J. E. Norvell	400	48	448	371	48	419	29	29	29	2	.....	448	1	25	30
Oneida	G. H. Parker	390	.....	390	368	.....	368	22	50	50	4	4	422	1	20	18
Pierre and East Pierre	O. H. Spoul	500	.....	500	525	.....	525	.....	62	49	6	4	578	6	140	83
Redfield	W. B. Redburn	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	64	64	10	7	1021	9	146	86
Wessington	S. F. McGuire	325	.....	325	300	.....	300	25	30	30	4	4	334	3	45	40
Wessington Springs	S. A. Chappell	525	60	585	525	60	585	.....	75	75	8	8	668	8	55	43
Winthrop	C. B. Warren	348	.....	348	348	.....	348	.....	45	43	6	6	397	5	.....	58
Wolsey	J. F. Bradley	190	190	167	167	23	14	14	1	1	182	1	25	48
Total	\$ 8898	\$ 773	\$ 9671	\$ 8772	\$ 773	\$ 9545	\$ 206	\$ 936	\$ 934	\$ 107	\$ 96	\$ 10573	\$ 111	\$ 1539	\$ 985

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		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies	Appor- tioned	Amount Paid	Appor- tioned	Amount Paid			Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
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Alexandria	John Lewta	\$ 600	\$...	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$...	\$ 600	\$..	\$ 56	\$ 56	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 667	\$ 9	\$ 60	\$ 80
Armour and Delmont	R. M. Stavelly	500	...	500	500	...	500	...	36	36	2	1	537	2	30	45
Artesian and Letcher	R. B. Smith	241	...	241	241	...	241	...	...	28	...	...	269	1	75	37
Canistota	R. N. Kratz	175	...	175	203	...	203	...	36	36	5	4	243	...	...	18
Castalia and La Roche	E. T. Underwood	400	30	430	478	30	508	...	36	37	1	1	546	4	24	35
Edgerton	W. W. Havens	600	96	696	556	96	652	44	50	50	7	2	704	9	40	60
Fulton	J. G. Corwin	550	96	646	550	96	646	...	50	50	7	2	698	4	70	35
Howard and Carthage	W. L. Meinzer	400	72	472	354	72	426	46	40	35	4	4	465	...	25	35
Kimball and Pukwana	I. P. Potter	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	...	100	100	12	12	1262	18	250	75
Mitchell	A. C. Stevens	540	60	600	540	60	600	...	36	36	2	2	638	5	25	60
Mt. Vernon and Ethan	A. J. Jolly	500	...	500	500	...	500	...	42	42	7	4	546	...	...	...
Parkston and Tripp	W. A. Greene	400	...	400	575	...	575	...	40	37	7	3	615	8	70	81
Plankinton	W. S. Shepherd	520	80	600	452	80	532	68	42	42	5	2	576	2	87	36
Salem	W. H. Irwin	500	100	600	460	100	560	40	42	42	7	1	603	3	45	20
Scotland	M. E. Nickerson	650	100	750	665	100	765	...	60	60	7	7	832	9	57	75
Tyndall and Springfield	Aza P. Jaues	200	...	200	230	...	230	...	24	...	1	1	231	2	31	25
White Lake	Wm. Underwood	700	100	800	700	100	800	...	42	42	6	3	845	14	100	37
Woonsocket	L. McLean															
Total		\$ 8476	\$ 884	\$ 9360	\$ 8604	\$ 884	\$ 9488	\$ 198	\$ 732	\$ 729	\$ 88	\$ 57	\$ 10274	\$ 95	\$ 980	\$ 754

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		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies	Appor- tioned	Amount Paid	Appor- tioned	Amount Paid			Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total									
Alcester.....	O. A. Phillips.....	\$ 575	\$ 150	\$ 725	\$ 575	\$ 150	\$ 725	\$	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$	\$ 4	\$ 777	\$ 6	\$ 30	\$ 30
Beresford	R. B. Beavis.....	295	100	695	295	100	695	...	20	20	...	2	747	0	72	26
Canton	C. E. Matteson.....	840	100	940	840	100	940	...	80	80	...	10	1030	12	225	132
Centerville	D. C. McLean.....	750	100	850	750	100	850	...	50	50	7	7	907	16	90	42
Dell Rapids.....	F. J. Norton.....	660	100	760	660	100	660	100	60	60	6	2	722	...	50	45
East Sioux Falls.....	Thos. Morris.....	505	...	505	445	...	445	60	60	52	...	...	497	...	30	54
Egan and Coleman.....	H. P. Eberhard.....	600	60	660	545	60	605	55	50	50	6	6	661	12	50	80
Elk Point.....	G. T. Notson.....	650	150	800	600	150	750	50	70	70	3	3	823	4	104	48
Flandreau.....	G. F. Hopkins.....	800	150	950	750	150	900	50	60	60	8	3	963	4	40	79
Flandreau Circuit.....	D. C. Arms.....	100	...	100	75	...	75	25	...	...	...	...	75	...	...	...
Gayville	W. C. Cleworth.....	650	125	775	617	125	742	33	70	70	8	7	817	5	110	46
Hartford and Prospect....	John Kaye.....	540	72	612	525	72	597	15	60	60	7	2	659	4	56	64
Hudson.....	Archibald Jamieson	625	...	625	555	...	555	70	50	42	6	4	607	8	70	49
Hurley.....	L. W. Darling.....	360	72	432	375	72	447	...	44	35	3	1	483	2	60	44
Lennox.....	A. E. Tanner.....	600	75	675	601	75	676	...	50	50	8	2	728	8	80	50
Madison.....	A. C. Shepherd.....	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	...	90	90	12	8	1148	10	121	77
Montrose.....	W. O. Gram.....	400	63	463	315	63	378	85	40	31	2	2	411	5	20	15
Parker.....	Duane Rifenbark...	800	150	950	800	150	950	...	80	80	10	10	1035	14	170	100
Sioux Falls First Church..	W. H. Jordan.....	1300	400	1700	1300	400	1700	...	110	110	...	...	1815	12	480	80
Sioux Falls Jordan Church	W. B. Stewart.....	...	...	...	345	...	345	...	40	29	...	...	374	...	35	...
Vermillion.....	J. P. Jenkins.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	...	100	100	...	...	1305	7	294	78
Wakonda.....	W. O. Redfield....	600	...	600	424	...	424	176	70	70	6	6	500	6	33	54
Yankton.....	F. T. Nicholls.....	700	200	900	525	200	725	175	80	53	6	1	779	8	107	50
Total.....		\$14550	\$ 2417	\$ 16967	\$14017	\$ 2417	\$ 16434	\$834	\$ 1412	\$ 1346	\$121	\$ 83	\$ 17863	\$149	\$ 2327	\$ 1243

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		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies	Amount Appor- tioned	Amount Paid	Amount Appor- tioned			Amount Paid	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total									
Arlington.	J. B. Dibble.	\$ 650	\$ 100	\$ 750	\$ 650	\$ 100	\$ 750	\$	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$ 9	\$ 5	\$ 810	\$ 9	\$ 75	
Big Stone City.	B. C. Sills.	450	50	500	450	50	500		30	30	4	4	534	5	65	
Bradley .	J. S. Harkness.	500	100	600	500	100	600		35	35	5	5	640	10	40	
Bristol .	L. L. Lane.	400		400	368		368	32	55	33		2	403		35	
Brookings.	T. H. Youngman.	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150		65	65	9	7	1222	20	150	
Castlewood.	G. E. Webster.	450		450	375		375	75	28	28	3	3	406		5	
Clark .	A. D. Dexter.	510		510	510		510		45	33		1	544	5		
Clear Lake	H. F. Knight.	500		500	500		500		30	28	5	5	533	3	60	
Elkton.	S. H. Brown.	400		400	400		400		35	35	5	5	440		28	
Garden City.	C. O. Walker.	450		450	450		450		30	30	4	2	482	3	30	
Gary .	Paul G. Shepersky	300	50	350	285	50	335	15	30	30	4	4	369	5	50	
Hazel.	A. Winford.	500		500	500		500		35	35			535	5	34	
Henry .	N. S. Wilson.	330	72	402	340	72	412		30	30	4	4	446	6		
Kampeska	C. R. Anderson	300	50	350	172	50	222	128	25	16	4	2	240	5	2	
Lake Preston.	G. A. Bird.	433	72	505	416	72	488	17	30	30	4	4	522			
Milbank.	O. Williams.	700	100	800	700	100	800		55	50	9	5	855	12	140	
Sisseton	G. F. Jewell.	612		612	612		612		25	25	2	2	639	2	21	
Summit.	L. W. Putnam.				55		55			2			57			
Twin Brooks.	A. J. Lidstone.	227	15	242	319	15	334		25	25	4	3	362		25	
Watertown	E. P. Hall.	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500		100	85		7	1592			
Waubay	J. W. Dibble.				177		177		20	20	3	3	200		5	
Webster	H. P. McBride.	400		400	337		337	63	48	33	7	5	375	8	25	
White	S. J. Watson.	700	150	850	740	150	890		60	60	7	7	957	12	168	
Willow Lakes	Alfred C. Beoers.	300		300	240		240	60	30	24			264			
Wilmot.	F. A. Burdick.	700	100	800	675	100	775	25	50	50		2	827	2	135	
White Rock	W. C. Ehlers.	150		150	150		150		8	9	2	3	162	3	12	
Total.		\$12162	\$ 1309	\$13471	\$12121	\$ 1309	\$13430	\$415	\$959	\$896	\$ 94	\$ 90	\$14416	\$123	\$ 1275	

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	MISSIONS				Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education	EDUCATION		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Debt	Total					(a) University Collection	(b) Children's Fund					
Aberdeen.....	\$ 158	\$ 10	\$ 20	\$ 188	\$ 34	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 19	\$ 100	\$ 10	\$	\$ 116	\$	\$ 100	\$
Andover.....	22	x	4	34	6	1	1	4	15	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	26
Ashton.....	20	x	2	24	5	1	1	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Bath, Columbia, Putney	42	x	10	60	10	2	2	.....	25	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	12
Bangor.....	10	.....	3	13	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	17	3
Bowdle.....	18	.....	2	20	3	1	1	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Britton.....	13	12	x	33	5	2	.....	2	36	2	.....	21	.....	5	15
Claremont.....	29	x	5	37	10	2	2	6	10	7	.....	30	.....	.....	9
Conde.....	23	x	5	36	7	1	1	4	17	3	1	.....	.....	.....	5
De Voe.....	18	.....	.....	23	3	1	1	2	7	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Doland.....	18	14	x	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	x	.....	.....	.....	1	11
Frederick.....	26	4	4	34	6	2	1	3	17	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Groton.....	27	3	5	35	5	1	1	9	x	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Hecla.....	24	2	.....	26	5	.....	1	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Leola.....	10	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Langford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mound City.....	31	.....	4	35	5	1	1	4	21	3	.....	5	.....	5	5
Northville.....	67	9	.....	76	5	.....	.....	7	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Warner.....	20	x	x	28	1	1	3	7	3	2
Total.....	\$ 576	\$ 83	\$ 93	\$ 752	\$ 117	\$ 22	\$ 19	\$ 67	\$ 333	\$ 65	\$ 3	\$ 175	\$	\$ 134	\$
															\$ 125
															\$ 61
															\$ 1875

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	MISSIONS				Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education	EDUCATION		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Debt	Total					(a) University Collection	(b) Children's Fund								
Alpena.....	\$ 12	\$ 25	\$ 18	\$ 55	\$ 3	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 21	\$ 4	\$ 1	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 10	\$ 6	\$ 103
Blunt.....	26	5	5	36	3	1	1	1	14							2	4	62
Burdette.....	38		6	44	2	1	1	1	16							6	4	75
Cavour.....	19		2	21	2	1	1	1	8							2	3	109
DeSmet.....	23	27	8	58	6	1	1	4	25	2				70		5	5	107
Faulton.....	20		7	27	7	1	1	3	23	6						7	3	74
Forest City.....	11			11	1				4							2	2	20
Gettysburg.....	33		3	33	4	1	1	2	21							4	5	71
Highmore.....	28		10	38	2	1			10	3						2	4	60
Hitchcock.....	37	36	50	123	11	1	1	15	35	10	2	25		79		8	6	316
Huron.....	116	24		140	1	5	4	24	93	10		51				25	18	368
Iroquois.....	15		3	18				1	15	4						3	2	43
Miller and St. Lawrence.	7			7	1			2	2							1		13
Oneida.....	26	1	7	34	2	1		2	19							1	1	63
Pierre and East Pierre..	56	9	15	80	2	1	1	1	2	6	1			75		6	4	179
Redfield.....	30	25		55	10			3	19	2		17				9	7	122
Wessington.....	25		25	50	5			3	16					2		3	4	83
Wessington Springs.....	33	15	10	58	6	1	1	3	30	3	1					8	8	119
Winthrop.....	38			38	5				12							5	6	66
Wolsey.....	9		4	13	1	1	1	1	9							1	1	28
Total.....	\$ 599	\$ 167	\$ 173	\$ 939	\$ 74	\$ 18	\$ 15	\$ 68	\$ 388	\$ 30	\$ 5	\$ 95	\$	\$ 226	\$	\$ 111	\$ 96	\$ 2081

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	MISSIONS				Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education	EDUCATION		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Collections	General Conference Expenses
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Debt	Total					(a) University Collection.	(b) Children's Fund					
Alexandria	\$ 35	\$ 20	\$ 10	\$ 65	\$ 10	\$..	\$.. 1	\$.. 5	\$.. 25	\$	\$.. 1	\$.. 7	\$	\$	\$
Armour and Delmont ..	8	..	..	8	2	..	1	1	..	12	..	..	..	..	2
Artesian and Letcher ..	7	..	8	15	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1
Canistota	11	..	..	11	..	..	..	6	7	..	..	..	..	..	4
Castalia and La Roche ..	25	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edgerton	39	1	7	47	1	1	..	3	20	3	..	1	1	..	9
Fulton	35	5	6	46	1	1	1	..	20	..	..	..	1	..	4
Howard and Carthage ..	11	..	2	13	2	..	..	2	17	3	..	6	..	..	4
Kimball and Pukwana ..	150	33	27	210	12	1	1	6	220	6	1	80	..	186	13
Mitchell	24	11	..	35	6	1	1	2	12	7	1	2	..	..	5
Mt. Vernon and Ethau ..	32	9	..	41	3	..	..	4	20	..	..	..	..	..	2
Parkston and Tripp	18	10	12	40	1	1	..	2	10	3	1	2	..	..	4
Plankinton	21	5	4	30	2	1	..	2	7	..	..	..	35	..	8
Salem	22	..	3	25	1	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	..	1	3
Scotland	45	10	..	60	10	2	..	5	25	3	3	..	14	..	9
Tyndall and Springfield ..	12	..	2	14	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
White Lake	24	21	..	45	3	1	1	3	20	4	..	7	..	13	14
Woonsocket	3
Total	\$ 519	\$ 125	\$ 86	\$ 730	\$ 56	\$ 10	\$ 7	\$ 42	\$ 438	\$ 49	\$ 5	\$ 112	\$ 2	\$ 249	\$ 1
															\$ 97
															\$ 57
															\$ 1867

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	MISSIONS				Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education	EDUCATION		American Bible So- ciety	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Mis- sionary Society	Total Other Collec- tions	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Debt	Total					(a) University Collection.	(b) Children's Fund								
Alcester.....	\$ 20	\$ 6	\$..	\$ 26	\$ 4	\$ 1	\$..	\$ 3	\$ 25	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$..	\$..	\$ 110	.....	\$ 6	\$ 4	\$ 183
Beresford.....	22	7	..	37	2	1	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	2	61
Canton.....	150	20	22	192	15	1	1	..	40	5	1	37	..	135	.....	12	10	457
Centerville.....	50	10	15	75	..	1	1	4	42	..	1	13	2	..	.....	16	7	170
Dell Rapids.....	46	4	6	56	2	1	1	2	2	4	1	1	1	10	.....	..	2	83
East Sioux Falls.....	10	..	..	10	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..
Egan and Coleman.....	30	6	6	42	4	1	1	2	8	2	1	..	..	..	.....	12	3	76
Elk Point.....	25	5	8	38	4	1	1	2	8	..	..	24	..	..	.....	4	3	85
Flandreau.....	36	15	9	60	5	1	1	3	20	3	1	17	..	..	.....	4	3	118
Flandreau Circuit.....	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	8
Gayville.....	30	..	3	33	5	1	1	2	15	5	..	..	..	..	.....	5	..	72
Hartford and Prospect..	12	1	4	17	3	1	..	2	13	3	..	..	..	..	.....	4	2	45
Hudson.....	12	11	3	26	3	1	1	3	4	2	..	..	..	..	.....	8	4	52
Hurley.....	10	2	..	12	2	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	.....	2	1	23
Lennox.....	35	15	11	61	2	1	1	2	13	..	1	56	..	..	.....	8	2	147
Madison.....	105	25	18	148	15	2	2	10	30	2	1	108	..	1	.....	10	8	337
Montrose.....	18	..	7	25	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	.....	5	2	42
Parker.....	48	20	8	76	15	1	1	7	32	..	..	55	..	1	.....	14	5	207
Sioux Falls First Church	125	26	100	251	20	1	3	10	51	5	1	94	..	..	.....	12	5	453
Sioux Falls Jordan Church	26	..	..	26	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	29
Vermillion.....	137	13	11	161	12	2	2	16	18	10	3	66	..	..	.....	7	5	322
Wakonda.....	34	2	6	42	8	1	1	..	11	3	..	..	..	..	.....	6	6	78
Yankton.....	23	11	6	40	3	1	1	2	8	1	1	2	8	1	66
Total.....	\$ 1010	\$ 198	\$ 252	\$ 1463	\$ 142	\$ 22	\$ 26	\$ 82	\$ 353	\$ 45	\$ 14	\$ 473	\$ 3	\$ 260	\$ 149	\$ 83	\$ 3094

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	MISSIONS				Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education	EDUCATION		American Bible So- ciety	Woman's Fore ign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Mis- sionary Society	Total Other Collec- tions	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Debt	Total					(a) University Collection.	(b) Children's Fund								
Arlington.....	\$ 25	\$ 14	\$ 13	\$ 52	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 18	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ 27	\$ 1	\$ 20	\$..	\$ 9	\$ 5	\$ 144
Big Stone City.....	21	5	4	30	..	..	..	3	11	4	..	12	..	2	..	..	4	76
Bradley	35	..	6	41	..	1	1	1	40	2	1	..	..	2	..	10	5	136
Bristol	12	18	4	34	..	..	..	4	12	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	2	71
Brookings.....	90	10	..	100	..	1	..	3	21	2	1	3	..	2	..	20	7	200
Castlewood.....	14	..	2	16	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	3	29
Clark	40	..	6	46	..	..	..	3	..	5	..	17	..	..	..	..	1	77
Clear Lake.....	15	9	6	15	3	..	..	3	4	3	2	..	..	10	..	3	5	45
Elkton.....	20	5	..	25	..	..	..	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	40
Garden City.....	11	7	5	23	3	1	1	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	35
Gary	8	..	4	12	4	..	..	1	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	33
Hazel	21	1	2	27	3	..	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
Henry	20	10	4	34	7	1	1	4	11	6	1	..	..	..	6	4	4	75
Kampeska	7	..	3	10	2	..	2	3	3	3	2	..	1	..	..	5	2	33
Lake Preston.....	8	3	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	18
Milbank	20	30	12	62	6	..	..	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	12	5	5	95
Sisseton .....	..	..	2	2	3	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	15
Summit.....	..	..	18	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Twin Brooks.....	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	9
Watertown.....	122	..	18	140	10	..	..	5	..	6	..	142	..	30	..	8	7	348
Waubay .....	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	6
Webster.....	12	4	..	16	3	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	8	5	36
White	71	19	15	105	13	1	1	7	27	7	..	..	..	2	..	12	7	162
Willow Lakes.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wilmot.....	20	3	..	23	5	1	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	39
White Rock.....	15	..	..	15	3	..	..	2	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	33
Total	\$ 596	\$ 138	\$ 128	\$ 862	\$ 95	\$ 7	\$ 8	\$ 61	\$ 182	\$ 62	\$ 9	\$ 236	\$ 2	\$ 106	\$..	\$ 123	\$ 90	\$ 1829

STATISTICS.

XV

COMPARATIVE TABLE AND SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

ARZA P. JANES, Statistical Secretary.

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DISTRICT.	Year	Probationers	Full Members	Baptisms	No. of Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	No of Churches	Value of Churches	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Ministerial Support
Aberdeen.....	1897	107	1173	37	39	309	1826	23	\$ 40000	9	\$ 5050	\$ 8447
	1898	160	1269	101	38	325	2016	29	46800	10	5625	10065
*Gain or Loss.		53	96	64	1	16	190	6	6800	1	575	1618
Huron	1897	109	1489	156	48	379	1984	25	42000	11	5850	9460
	1898	191	1668	230	49	379	2481	28	43500	11	6600	10575
*Gain or Loss.....		22	179	74	1	.....	497	3	1500	.....	750	1115
Mitchell	1897	118	1619	97	40	358	2271	27	44600	11	7150	8424
	1898	184	1763	198	45	377	2476	29	48300	10	7400	10275
*Gain or Loss.....		66	144	102	5	19	205	2	3700	1	250	1851
Sioux Falls	1897	237	2460	163	44	472	3232	35	77780	19	22910	16335
	1898	323	2697	201	50	503	3459	37	77300	19	23900	17063
*Gain or Loss.....		91	237	38	6	31	217	2	1480	.....	990	1528
Watertown	1897	216	1681	123	36	302	2200	25	63350	12	9450	13080
	1898	210	1964	252	37	384	2370	31	64550	12	9400	14416
*Gain or Loss.....		6	283	129	1	82	170	6	1200	.....	50	1335
Grand Totals.....	1897	847	8488	572	207	1820	11515	135	267730	62	50410	55740
	1898	1008	9361	982	219	1968	12802	154	280450	62	52925	63204
Gain		221	873	410	12	148	1287	19	\$ 12720	.....	\$ 2515	\$ 7458

*Loss indicated by dash.

STATISTICS.

COMPARATIVE TABLE AND SUMMARY OF BENEVOLENCES FOR 1898.

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NAME OF DISTRICT.	Year	Missionary Society	Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education	EDUCATION		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Asbury Hospital	Total Other Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Recapitulation
							University Collection.	Children's Fund									
Aberdeen.....	1898	\$ 737	\$ 117	\$ 22	\$ 19	\$ 69	\$ 331	\$ 65	\$ 3	\$ 178	\$	\$ 15	\$ 16	\$	\$ 128	\$ 61	\$ 1764
	1897	657	107	15	12	44	267	76	6	157	1	59	22	....	93	24	1540
*Gain or Loss.....		80	10	7	7	25	61	11	3	21	1	41	6	....	35	37	224
Huron.....	1898	949	79	18	15	65	384	50	2	87	....	8	217	19	111	73	2081
	1897	722	81	20	14	46	376	49	1	65	....	10	128	2	83	55	1657
*Gain or Loss.....		227	2	2	1	19	8	1	3	22	....	2	89	17	28	18	424
Mitchell.....	1898	726	50	9	0	42	420	51	2	112	2	2	233	1	95	57	1820
	1897	654	72	12	5	56	418	56	16	84	3	0	45	1	69	44	1535
*Gain or Loss.....		72	16	3	1	14	2	5	3	28	1	2	188	0	26	13	285
Sioux Falls.....	1898	1458	137	22	23	85	363	55	14	476	5	0	114	0	152	82	2986
	1897	1104	145	21	18	89	359	52	24	330	0	2	167	2	117	80	2576
*Gain or Loss.....		354	8	1	5	4	1	3	10	146	5	2	53	2	35	2	410
Watertown.....	1898	860	95	7	8	59	184	65	10	240	1	7	30	....	128	87	1789
	1897	755	89	11	8	65	235	54	10	227	3	6	117	1	96	68	1725
*Gain or Loss.....		105	6	4	0	6	51	11	0	113	2	1	87	1	32	19	64
For Conference.....	1898	4730	484	78	71	320	1682	286	40	1101	8	35	610	20	614	360	10440
	1897	3892	494	79	57	330	1655	285	64	903	7	83	479	6	458	271	9333
*Gain or Loss.....		838	110	1	14	20	27	1	24	198	1	42	131	14	156	89	147

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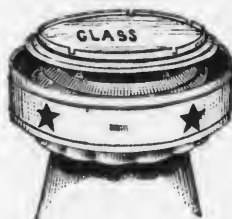
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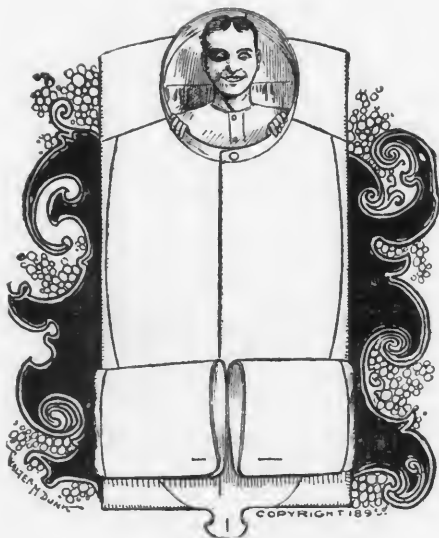
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